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BARCELONA, DEC. 28.

AN OFFICIAL LOYALIST *COMMUNIQUE* ADMITS THAT THE INSURGENTS HAVE ADVANCED SLIGHTLY IN THE SECTOR AT SOLERA, NORTH-EAST OF BORJAS BLANCAS AND ASPA, BUT CLAIMS THAT THEY PAID HEAVILY FOR THE ADVANCES.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the Insurgents captured the remainder of the Montsech Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meya, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hanmamet.

North of Balaguer, the Insurgents captured the villages of Alos de Balaguer and Masana.

Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the Insurgents have captured the village of Soleras, south of Torrebesses, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albages.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS

Burgos reports state that the Insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowstorm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,600 metres. Insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Flix, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in to-day's engagement.

Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the Insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days have slightly improved their positions north of Montsech. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for a counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort.

Fighting is still continuing with the Insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Hendaye message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT

Insurgent despatches claim continued successes on the 60-mile front which is gradually shaping itself into a huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona.

As the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of

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TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Colonel Irwin will assume the temporary rank of Brigadier in his new appointment.

Colonel Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, M.C., D.S.O., was born in India on Christmas Eve forty-six years ago. Educated at Marlborough College, he later went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Essex Regiment in 1912. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the Border Regiment in 1927, and was a Brevet Lieut-Colonel in 1931.

He served in France with the Battalion from August 1914, and commanded the 2nd. Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918. He also commanded the 8th Batt. the Leicester Regiment in 1918 and from 1918 to the following year commanded the 1st Batt. the Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was temporary Colonel Sub-Area Commandant in France in 1919, and during his service there he was awarded the D.S.O., and two bars, the M.C., and the Croix de Guerre, and was also mentioned five times in despatches.

He was at the Staff College from 1924 to 1925, and served with the General Staff on the Rhine from 1926 to 1927. He was in India from 1929 to 1933 and from 1933 to 1935 was Chief Instructor, R. M. C., Sandhurst. He was at the Imperial College in 1936, and was promoted to Colonel the following year, when he took up his appointment in Hong-

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Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workless requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.—*Trans-Ocean.*

AUSTRALIA SWELTERS

PERTH, Dec. 28.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA and New South Wales are sweltering in an unprecedented heat-wave.

The temperature at Perth to-day was 116 degrees Fahrenheit, while in country places in both states the thermometer soared to 119.—United Press.

Big Drop In China's Customs Revenue

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.

FOLLOWING THE FALL of Canton and Hankow, the Chinese Government has lost 84 per cent. of maritime customs earnings throughout China, according to statistics released by the Maritime Customs authorities in connection with China's trade returns for November, this year.

During November, the total proceeds from maritime customs throughout China amounted to 23,300,000 Yuan showing a decrease of 3,000,000 Yuan from October.

The custom earnings registered by the Shanghai Maritime Customs during November totalled 9,000,000 Yuan, which represents 44 per cent. of the whole income in China and which contrasts to 9,700,000 Yuan for October.

The income gained by the stations still under the National Government during November was 16 per cent. of China's total revenue, showing a decrease of 16 per cent. from the previous month. During October the customs income through the Japanese-occupied areas occupied 68 per cent. of the total earnings in China, but in November they accounted for 84 per cent. of the total revenues in the country.

Two major stations in the areas still held by the Chinese Government are Foochow and Swatow.—*Domei.*

Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation," and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted.

They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who caused the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants.

The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Proswita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—*Trans-Ocean.*

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.

Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been convicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West £240,000.—*Reuter.*

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.

The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,095,000 in October, and 7,761,000 a year ago.

These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—*Reuter.*

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

BEIRUT, Dec. 28.

A TORPEDO-BOAT of the Levant naval division has been ordered to proceed to Djibouti, ahead of the gunboat Diberville, which was also ordered to Djibouti yesterday.—*Reuter.*

THE "MOTHER OF CHINA'S GUERILLAS" IN HONGKONG

THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerillas, Madame Chao Yu-tang, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerillas operating throughout China.

MOBILISATION ON FULL WAR FOOTING

TOKYO, Dec. 28.

PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividend will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—*Domei.*

CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demands? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty.

It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed.

Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—*Reuter.*

LATEST

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SCHOOL-GIRL LAUNCHES H.K. SHIP

Penelope Dodwell, 10-year-old daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, launching a new waterboat for the Union Waterboat Company at Kowloon Docks yesterday.

10 CHINCHILLAS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

CONTENTEDLY nibbling peanuts and grain within a stone's throw of historic Caister Castle, near Great Yarmouth, are ten grey-furred little creatures, each worth its weight in gold.

They are chinchillas, brought from the South American Andes by plane, steamer and train to start the only chinchilla farm in Great Britain.

The export of chinchillas from their native soil had at one time reached 400,000 skins.

Now, through the demands of fashion and other causes, there are fewer than 2,000 of them in the whole world.

Owner of the ten "pioneers" of the English industry—which represents an attempt to break what is almost a U.S.A. monopoly—is Mr. Fletcher Robert, a New Zealander, of Caister Road, Great Yarmouth.

His belief that the chinchilla will thrive in the Norfolk air has already been justified by the arrival of four healthy offspring. More are expected.

FIRST IN BRITAIN

"With less than average luck," Mr. Robert said, "each pair should in five years multiply to 60."

The "babies" are the first born in Britain, where it was formerly believed impossible for them to breed.

"I believe we shall have better chinchillas even than in America," declared Mr. Robert.

The chinchilla's fur is the most expensive in the world. A coat made from about 120 pelts would cost £20,000; most of the few coats in England to-day are heirlooms.

So serious became the problem of the disappearance of the little animal that the Governments of Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia once passed laws prohibiting export and trapping on pain of the loss of a hand for the first offence and death for the second.

Ran Down Line to Save Express

WITH an express train due in a few seconds, Signalman Foulkes, of Stramshall (Staffs), recently saw a heavy motor-lorry crash through the closed gates of a crossing near Uttoxeter and swing round on to the lines.

The signals were set clear for the express.

Foulkes pulled them off and, dashing down the steps of his cabin, raced along the line.

He had had no time to snatch up a red flag. Instead, he waved his arms as he ran.

ALMOST TOUCHING

He was seen by the driver of the express.

The train slackened speed and came to a halt, its buffers almost touching the lorry.

The driver of the lorry, H. Hall, of Haylers End, Worcester, said the prompt action of the signalman prevented a disaster as there was not a second to be lost.

Mr. Fred Foulkes, a married man of 44, with two children, has worked at the Hockley Crossing box for 19 years.

"IN THE DAY'S WORK"

Mr. Foulkes said: "I pulled the signals to danger and grabbed the first thing I saw, a warning detonator, and dashed out of the box along the line. I had no time to use the detonator, but I waved my arms and shouted as I ran.

"The express was now only 100 yards away but the driver saw me and did everything to stop. He pulled up within a few yards of the lorry just as the driver was getting out of the cab.

"The lorry-driver would certainly have been killed if I hadn't been able to stop the train. However, I look on this as part of the day's work—it is what we are paid for by the company.

"I've seen several similar accidents at this point but never such a narrow escape before."

Girl's Breach Warning

Belfast.

"Every girl longs for romance, but to choose a husband through a matrimonial advertisements is a leap in the dark. I am glad I have won and been vindicated. But my unhappy experience will be a warning to other girls."

Twenty-two-year-old Miss Annie Smith, of Gate Lodge, Prehen-rond, Londonderry, gave this warning recently to love-struck girls.

She was awarded £400 damages in the Ulster High Court here for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Robert Boyd, of Dundonald, Belfast.

Miss Smith told the under-sheriff and jury that she answered an advertisement for a wife two years ago in a Belfast newspaper.

She received a reply from Mr. Boyd, who was found to be a married man with two children.

She went away with him for weekends, she said, and relied on his assertions that his intentions were honourable. Later a child was born.

DOCTOR'S MENTAL BOARDERS £45 FINE

For keeping persons of unsound mind in an unlicensed house, a former assistant medical officer of health had to pay fines and costs totalling £60 at Bournemouth recently.

There were summonses relating to three people against Dr. William Vere Taylor Styles, of Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth. He was fined £15 on each and ordered to pay £15 costs.

Mr. H. J. Parham, prosecuting, said Dr. Styles had various persons living with him, including the three mentioned in the summonses. It was alleged that payments were made to Dr. Styles by relatives. The house was not licensed.

Two doctors said in evidence that under an order of the Lord Chancellor they visited Dr. Styles's premises and examined the three patients, who, in their opinion, were certifiable as of unsound mind.

Dr. Styles pleaded not guilty, and Mr. J. Amphlett (defending), submitted that the nursing home did not belong to Dr. Styles but to his wife, and that the patients were not lunatics.

He said Dr. Styles was made bankrupt in 1936 and was still undischarged.

The only connection the doctor had with the nursing home was that he occasionally gave advice to his wife. Mrs. Styles relied on the doctors who sent patients to her and she could not very well turn round and say that a patient was a lunatic.

Doctors who sent the three patients to the nursing home said in evidence that in their opinion, they were not of unsound mind.

Pedigree Fails Cat

Saint John, N.B.

Emery Colwell, poultry fancier, was justified in killing a prize-winning cat, owned by neighbour Edward Craig, when he found it stealing a chicken. That was Magistrate G. Earle Logan's decision.

O.B.E. Medal For Dead Brothers

Two brothers, Edward and James Letch, Dunholme Road, Edmonton, burnt to death in the Edmonton air disaster last September, have been posthumously awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire for their gallantry in trying to save the pilot of the burning R.A.F. plane.

The announcement was made recently.

It was on a Sunday when most of the families in Dunholme Road were at their midday meal that the disaster occurred.

The Letch brothers, who were returning home, rushed to rescue the pilot, Sergt. S. R. Morris. While they were tearing at the straps which held him to the wreckage of his cockpit the petrol tank exploded and fierce flames shot out.

Both brothers were soaked in petrol and in a few seconds were in flames. Edward, who was 20, died almost as soon as he reached hospital and James (24) died early the next day. The charred body of the pilot was later recovered.

Bishop Offers To Mediate To Save Divorces

THE Bishop of Armidale (the Right Rev. J. S. Moyes) has offered himself as mediator in any home in his diocese in which divorce proceedings are contemplated.

His reconciliation offer is contained in a letter to his parishioners published in the Armidale Diocesan News.

His desire, he says, is to keep people away from the Divorce Court.

Bishop Moyes is the leader on social questions in the Anglican Church.

He is chairman of the social question committee of the Australian General Synod.

"Divorce in the home, like war among nations, is an acknowledgment of the bankruptcy of our higher life," he said.

"Before going to the Divorce Court, every effort to effect reconciliation should be made.

"As Bishop, as a partner in marriage for 30 years, and as missioner for 20 years, I offer to help at reconciliation in any home where husband and wife are drifting apart.

"A home made is a contribution to the nation.

"Rifts which break up homes might be stopped if attempts at reconciliation are made in the early stages.

"In physical ills people go to their doctor," said Bishop Moyes.

"If they suffer from spiritual or psychological ills, there is no reason why they should not ask help from their spiritual physicians."

The tragedy of divorce, Bishop Moyes added, was the ease with which it could be obtained.

YEARS OF STOMACH AGONY

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The story of this woman at 67 will give new hope to thousands of stomach sufferers. "For years," writes Mrs. T. J. W., "I suffered untold agonies. I was afraid to eat and was constantly under the doctor. I was treated for Gastritis, Ulcers, Colic and Indigestion. One day I thought I would give Maclean Brand Stomach Powder a trial, and when I told my doctor I was taking it he said 'keep on with it!' I did, and I am thankful to say I am now completely cured and able to eat anything."

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John B. Galatis of Fairmount, Mo., father of five children, wants to pay off the mortgage on his home, remodel it and educate his children. But like a lot of us, he needs money. So he is willing to sell one of his eyes for $10,000. Above, his four-year-old daughter Vivian wonders how her daddy will look with one eye gone.

QUEEN'S AID WITH JIG-SAW PUZZLE

But Pieces Were Missing

WHEN the King and Queen spent over two hours in the East End recently they received one of the greatest welcomes of their reign.

First they went to the Queen's Hospital for Children, in Hackney Road, E., where they were received by Lord Lliffe, president of the hospital, and by the Mayors of Bethnal Green, Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington.

The Queen was dressed in black, with a high-brimmed black hat, and the King wore a black tie with his short black coat.

Lily Bruley and George Faulkner were playing in the Princess Elizabeth Ward with a jig-saw puzzle representing the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent when the royal party arrived. The Queen tried to fit one piece in.

BIT OF ANOTHER

"No, your Majesty, that bit belongs to another puzzle," explained Lily. "We've finished this one now."

The Queen asked why there were still some blank spaces left and Lily explained that some of the pieces had been lost.

At Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, the first of the universities settlements, the King and Queen were received by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the chairman) and Dr. J. J. Mallon (the warden). On the floodlit roof they watched girls playing basket ball.

In the canteen the King and Queen saw tea being served by the Toynbee Hall domestic staff to the workmen who built the new wing and their wives.

A FOURPENNY GRILL

"How much do you charge for meals?" the Queen asked Mrs. Boyd, who is organising the new canteen. "They can have a grill for fourpence," was the reply.

"And don't forget they get chip potatoes for that, too," said Dr. Mallon.

The Queen asked how it could be done so cheaply, and was told it was because the overhead expenses were very small.

Before they left the royal party watched men and women ballet dancers rehearsing in the new theatre. From the stage Dr. Mallon said that it was the first visit of a Sovereign to Toynbee Hall, and it would always be remembered.

NEW DANCE FOLLOWS LAMBETH WALK

The King's liking for the shanty "The Village Blacksmith" has inspired the new community dance "The Chestnut Tree," which is expected to succeed the Lambeth Walk. The dance was recently performed in public for the first time at a London dance hall and at 500 public dances throughout the country.

A song writer spent a day at the King's camp for boys at Southwold, Suffolk, and watched the King singing the song with the gestures.

The King stretched his arms ("spreading"), touched his chest and head (chestnut), then flung up his arms to indicate a tall tree. From this Miss Adele England arranged a ballroom dance routine. Dancers are supposed to sing "The Village Blacksmith" in dance time with emphasis on "Under the spreading chestnut tree."

Mr. C. L. Hiemann, who launched the ballroom version of the Lambeth Walk, says: "The Chestnut Tree will outshine everything." The King and Queen did the Lambeth Walk at the Ghillies' Ball at Balmoral last month.

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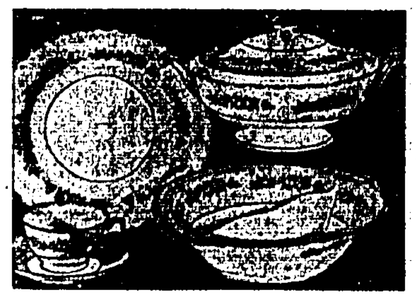

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Made Fortune From Spain

BECAUSE, in two years, he has made a fortune running ships to Spain, Mr. Jack Albert Billmeir, 37-years-old London shipowner, is called "The King of Spain" in the City. Now he may soon be called "The King of China" too.

His fleet of 22 British-registered ships is now being used to take arms and food supplies for the Chinese Government as well as for the Spanish Government.

Recently 6,000 tons of arms and ammunition were unloaded from his steamer Stanhall at Rangoon, Burma.

The arms, which come from the Soviet Union, will be transported to China by barges and special convoys of lorries.

The Stanhall, which is owned by the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Billmeir is principal shareholder, has for the past two years been engaged on Spanish war trade.

She arrived off Rangoon, and lay outside the harbour strongly guarded, waiting for permission to unload.

While Burmese officials were wondering yesterday whether the unloading of the arms might cause international complications, Mr. Billmeir was spending a quiet week-end out of town.

"I'm not going to say where he is," his secretary said. "We want no publicity at all."

HIS BIG CHANCE

Jack Billmeir's rise to one of the strongest places in British shipping has been meteoric. He was a shipbrokers' clerk, and the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., with their two ships, were almost unknown.

Then war broke out in Spain. Quickly, Billmeir, who is plump, reserved, and wears pince-nez, gained control, and in two years increased the fleet to 22 vessels.

While trading in the Mediterranean several of his ships have been bombed and shelled. He featured in the storms of protest which followed the attacks on tre British flag.

He owns an unpretentious villa named Lamorna in Stanhope-road, Hornsey. Almost every one of his ships has a name beginning with "Stan," after the quiet Hornsey road where he has lived for many years.

Now he has bought a large house in Bishop-avenue, East Finchley, and a large country residence near Whitstable, Kent. Bishops-avenue is called "Millionaires' Avenue" locally because so many rich men live there.

"MADE A MILLION"

Many rival shipowners say that Billmeir made nearly a million pounds in Spanish war trade.

But prohibitive insurance charges, low cargo rates, and heavy risks of shelling by General Franco's gunboats and aeroplanes have cut down the "big money" that was to be made.

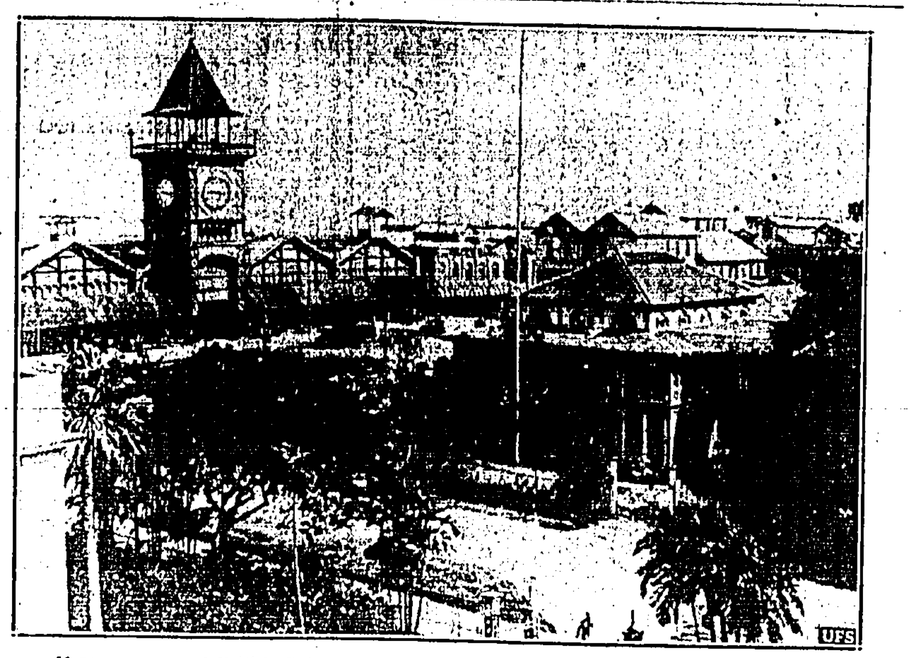
Owners of the 140 British-registered ships trading to Spain are beginning to look elsewhere.

Imported Eggs Kill A Girl

South Shields, (Durham).

A germ from imported duck eggs caused the death of twelve-year-old Veronica Hudson, of Livingstone-street, South Shields, it was revealed at the inquest in South Shields recently.

Veronica died on November 8, and the following day her father, mother and two brothers were taken to hospital. They have since recovered.



If new surveys of British Guiana prove promising, according to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Britain will lease 10,000 square miles "on generous terms" to Jewish refugees from Germany. This is a view of Stabrock Market in Georgetown, capital city. British Guiana's principal products are rice, coffee, coconuts, diamonds and rum.

MOTHER NOT SURE WHICH IS WHICH

DENHAM (Bucks).

TONY and Monty Maling, eleven-year-old twins, are so alike that their mother, Mrs. Beatrice Maling, uncertain which is really Monty and which Tony, recently asked the Rev. W. Allan, curate of Denham, if she could have them rebaptised.

She believes that after their first baptism, when they were babies, Tony may have become Monty, and Monty Tony.

Mr. Allan told her he did not think it was possible by the orthodox law of the Church of England for a child to receive a second baptism.

Mrs. Maling said at her home in New Denham - road, Denham: "They're getting more difficult to tell apart as they grow older. I don't know what will happen when they start taking the girls out, or if somebody leaves one of them some money.

"Of course, they've each known themselves by the same name for years now...And my instinct tells me which is Tony and which is Monty. But this is how I think they may have got mixed.

"When they were babies I had a blue ribbon on Tony and a pink ribbon on Monty. But when they were four months old we took the ribbons off, and engaged a girl to take them out in the pram and put them to bed.

"Tony always had the top end of the pram and the right half of the bed. But the girl couldn't tell which was which. I think she may have muddled them.

"Connie, their little sister, and I are the only people who can tell them apart. My husband can't. He's given up trying. He's always calling them by the wrong names."

Girl Tenor Dies In Hollywood

Ruby Helder, the little girl with the man's voice, who sang on the radio some years ago, has died in Hollywood.

Bristol was her home town. Santley heard her sing and gave her lessons for seven years.

A Vienna throat specialist said her larynx was heavier than the ordinary woman's.

Her ambition was to sing in opera, but her trouble was that, although her voice was big enough for the tenor's music, her presence was inadequate for the tenor's strut.

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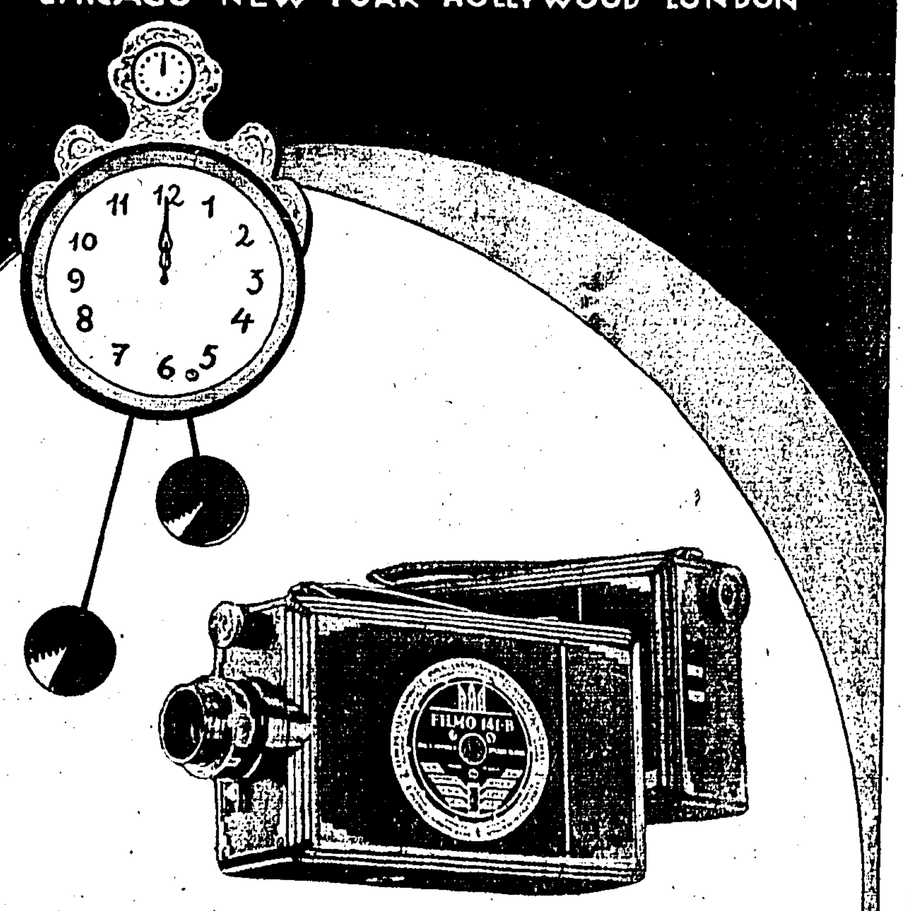

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

After the rather prolonged holiday, the market opened unexpectedly steady, with the lower-priced stocks taking the lead in the enquiries. The session was too short for the market to get into its stride, but closes quite steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,375
Douglases $62
H.K. & K. Wharves $115
H.K. Docks (Old) $18½
H.K. Docks (New) $17½
Providents (Old) $6.35
Providents (New) $6.15
H. & S. Hotels $6.60
H.K. Lands $36
H.K. Realties $3
H.K. Tramways $17.10
China Lights $9½
Watsons $7.45
Entertainments $8.00
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par.

Sellers

Hongkong Bank $1,400
China Underwriters $6.70
Providents (New) $6.20
H. & S. Hotels $6¾
Humphreys $9
Yaumati ferries (Old) $22½
China Lights $9.70
H.K. Electrics $57½
Sandakan Lights $10.00
Cements $16½
Dairy Farms $24½
Lane, Crawfords $8
Constructions $1¾

Sales

H.K. Tramways $17.20
Watsons $7.45
Antamoks Ps. .51
Benguet Consolidated 14.30
Coco Grove .52
Consolidated Mines .003
San Mauricio 1.82
United Paracale .62

PHILHARMONIC DINNER

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society are holding their annual Dinner Dance at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, January 6. The tickets are obtainable from Miss E. Finlay, c/o Butterfield and Swire, D. Kosslek, c/o Harbour Office, or at the reception counter at the Hotel. An extension has been obtained until 2 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 2nd January, 1939. (The First week-day in January).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1938.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.

December 22, 1938.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938.

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Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs:—Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL.
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Man Accused of Taking Money from Sailor

On remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, an unlicensed hawker, Ng Choi, 27, who was accused of the theft of $8 from Able Seaman J. J. O'Sullivan, of H.M.S. Falmouth at Wanchai on Monday, was discharged, as his Worship remarked that there was some doubt regarding the evidence offered by the prosecution.

Ng was alleged to have stolen the money from the sailor while they were on the staircase of a flat in Jaffe Road. Ng denied the theft, and yesterday produced two witnesses to testify as to his character.

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HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE FOR VITAL POSITIONS

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Cervera, which is almost in the heart of Catalonia, was General Franco's immediate objective.

Despatches also state that the northern wing of Franco's army of 300,000, had swept across the Montsech mountain range, south-east of Tremp and had captured the villages of Balaguer and Masana, and had prepared to attack Artesa de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Franco's southern wing is reported to be only 30 miles from Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast, and 54 miles from Barcelona, but the forces are heading north to join the northern wing, probably at Cervera.

The object of the drive apparently is to cut off a large slice of Catalonian territory in a scissors movement, and then to press eastward towards the coast.—*United Press.*

GERMAN REPORT

Bilbao, Dec. 28.

The Christmas offensive by General Franco has yielded the following results after four days of battle, says an Insurgent report:

An advance of 18 miles in depth, 6,721 prisoners, and more than 9,000 Loyalist casualties; 32 Loyalist planes were shot down, and another eight are believed to have been destroyed.

The entire region south of Lerida to the Ebro bank near Flix is cleared of Loyalists.

Insurgent infantry is advancing irresistibly.

The defence of the Loyalists is weaker than expected, apparently as a result of heavy losses suffered during the Ebro battle.

The Insurgent advance is now endangering Loyalist communications on the southern Ebro front, and with regard to Lerida.

The retreat of Loyalist forces there seems to be unavoidable in order to escape from encirclement.—*Trans-Ocean.*

HUGE INSURGENT GAINS

Burgos, Dec. 28.

The Insurgent offensive in Catalonia has so far resulted in the Insurgent occupation of 400 square miles of territory, the capture of 7,500 prisoners, and hundreds of tons of material, together with 30 aeroplanes.

The Loyalists are reported to be moving up battalion after battalion to fill the gaps in their ranks.

In the Seroz zone, the Insurgents estimate that a Loyalist army corps must have been practically wiped out.

Two triangular wedges which the Insurgents have thrust into the Loyalist defences in western Catalonia are being driven deeper daily. Already road arteries feeding the Loyalist main defences at Seodeurgel, and before the towns of Lerida and Balaguer are dangerously threatened.

With good weather and easier country, the Insurgent forces are driving in a southern wedge with Seros Fayon as their base. So far they have made very quick progress, but the advance here has somewhat slowed down at the foot of the hills bordering north Tarragona province.

Insurgent forces entered the outskirts of the town of Granadella at midday to-day.

The northern Insurgent wedge, with its base between Tremp and the confluence of the Noguera and Segre rivers, is progressing somewhat slowly owing to the mountainous country, while temperatures have been as low as 10 degrees below zero. Nevertheless, the capture at the point of the bayonet of Caudela Sierra, an important road junction, has enabled the Insurgents to advance between Tremp and Balaguer.—*Reuter.*

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

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going as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

At one time he was a brilliant hockey player, and played both for his battalion and the Army. For three years he was a member of the Marlborough College Shooting VIII and one year was captain of the team.

NEW SHANGHAI COMMANDER

"Reuter" also confirms the report published in the "Telegraph" yesterday that Colonel F. K. Simmons has been promoted from the General Staff in Palestine to command the Shanghai Area, with the temporary rank of Brigadier.

Lieut-Colonel Frank Keith Simmons, M.V.O., M.B.E., M.C., of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1888. He was educated at Cranbrook School and served in the European War, being awarded the M.V.O., M.C., and Croix de Guerre.

Subsequently he became military attache at Madrid, serving in this capacity from 1928 to 1931.

He was appointed a temporary commander of the Southern Brigade (Palestine) in 1936.

Russo-Japanese Parleys To Resume

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia regarding the renewal of the fisheries convention will be resumed next year, according to an agreement reached in Moscow, says the semi-official Japanese news agency.

The report adds that it is hoped that before the beginning of the new fishing season, the basis of a treaty in the form of a *modus vivendi* will be found, safeguarding Japanese fishing rights in Bering, Okhotsk and the Japan seas.—*Trans-Ocean.*

EMPLOYERS ROBBED

Car Cleaner Fined For Theft From Garage

A fine of $10 was imposed on Ng Sang-fuk, 24, car cleaner employed by the Hongkong Motor Accessory Co., Ltd., Kowloon, by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for the theft of a piece of imitation leather from his employers. The complainant was Mr. J. C. Power.

It was said that about 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, the defendant was seen by another car cleaner leaving the garage with a parcel. This contained the imitation leather, valued at $6.

Defendant claimed that the leather was given to him by a clerk of the Company, and this Edward K. Cheung, the clerk, denied.

CAMPHORWOOD BOXES

Charged with stealing 20 sets of camphorwood boxes, valued at $700, on September 11, and alternatively, with fraudulently converting to his own use the sum of $700 which he had received on account of Central and Co., of 38 Bowrington Road, Wanchai, on November 11, Wong Yat-ham, alias Wong Kwong-hing, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted on behalf of Pun Ngam-shun, the manager of Central and Co., while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for the defence. Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho held a watching brief on behalf of the purchaser of the boxes.

The case was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

DISAPPEARS WITH COATS

A shop assistant, Wong Ping-sing, who was given two Chinese long coats valued at $350 to deliver to No. 9 High Street, West Point, on Tuesday, failed to do so, and has not been seen since. A report of his disappearance has been made to the police by Ma Foo-kam, master of the Kwong Hing tailor shop, 86 High Street.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday on Ma Tung, 27 who admitted having stolen electric wire fixtures from houses in Wing Kut and Gage Streets.

Jamaica Committee Issues Report

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28.

The two commissions appointed to investigate respectively the island-wide disturbances in May and June, and the riots on the Frome sugar estate in May, have reported to the Governor.

The report of the first commission shows that in the island disturbances, eight people were killed and 32 wounded, while 745 were arrested. None of the Crown forces was killed, but 109 were injured.

The commission criticises the behaviour of some of the special constables, and suggests that the police force should be increased.

The commission on the Frome riots, in which four persons were killed and 13 injured as a result of the police firing at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, suggests that the police should use tear gas, rather than rifles, and considers a Labour Department a pressing necessity.—*Reuter.*

Revised Tariffs In N. China

Peiping, Dec. 28.

It is predicted that the revision of tariffs in the Japanese-occupied areas of China will not come into force on January 1 as expected.

A Tientsin newspaper, regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese military authorities, states that tariff changes will be announced as soon as an agreement has been reached between the Provisional and Reformed governments at Peipng and Nanking.

The changes are expected in the spring, when duties, especially those affecting luxuries, will be greatly increased.—*Reuter.*

Italian Princess To Wed Soon

Rome, Dec. 28.

The wedding of the youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, Princess Maria of Savoy, with Prince Louis of Bourbon, will, it is announced, take place on January 15.

The bridegroom, who is 39 years of age, is the son of the late Duke Robert of Parma, by the latter's second marriage. His mother is the Infanta Maria Antonia of Portugal, and one of his sister is the ex-Empress Zita of Austria.

The bride is 24 years of age.—*Trans-Ocean.*

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Two Chinese weddings took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

Mr. Chu Chi-chong, Professor of Agriculture at Lingnan University, Canton, married Miss Ow-yong Yin To, of 94 Connaught Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Chu Tsung-kiu (bridegroom's father) and Ow-yong Pun Shek (bride's father).

Mr. Yuen Chi-pan, merchant, married Miss Pong Lai-hung. The witnesses were Mr. Yuen Man-lok and Mrs. Yam Kit-mei.

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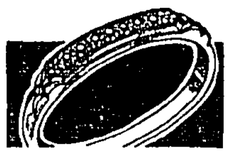

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(a) personally.
(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed Cheque payable to the Hongkong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and ordinary mails (not Insured or Parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Straits	Van Heutsz	December 28.
Shanghai	Boissevain	December 29.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kanchow	December 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 29.
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 29.
Amoy	Talma	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Bungalore	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Shanghai	M/V Nanking	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31.
Hoihow	Muinam	December 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31.
Java	Tjisalak	December 31.
Straits	Aushun	January 1.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Saigon	Laos	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	January 2.
Japan	Manila Maru	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 3.
Straits	Tilan	January 3.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 10th December).	Pres. Van Buren	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban.	La Plata Maru	Thurs., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Ursula Rickmers	Thurs Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang	....Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Holhow	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Norviken	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	.....Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	.....Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	.....Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	.....Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
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	Reg.	.....Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	.....Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	.....Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	.....Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Tientsin	Leesang	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow	Shantung	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 am.
Swatow	Kiangsu	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	.....Fri., Dec. 30.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.	.....Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
	Reg	.....Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Terukuni Maru	.....Fri., Dec. 30.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.	.....Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	.....Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec., 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Papers for Straits and Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Talma	.....Fri., Dec. 30.
Parcels, ...Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.	Parcels,	.....Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Papers	.....Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	.....Fri., Dec. 30,
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	.....Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	.....Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	.....Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Menelaus	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco 10th January 1939	Pres Taft	.....Sat., Dec. 31.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	....Dec. 31, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.	.....Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	.....Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" —due San Francisco, 7th Jan.	Pan-American Airways Plane	...Sat., Dec. 31.
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	Ord.,	.....Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	.....Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	.....Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Soochow	.....Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Taksang	.....Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2.
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	Rec.	.....Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.,	.....Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2.
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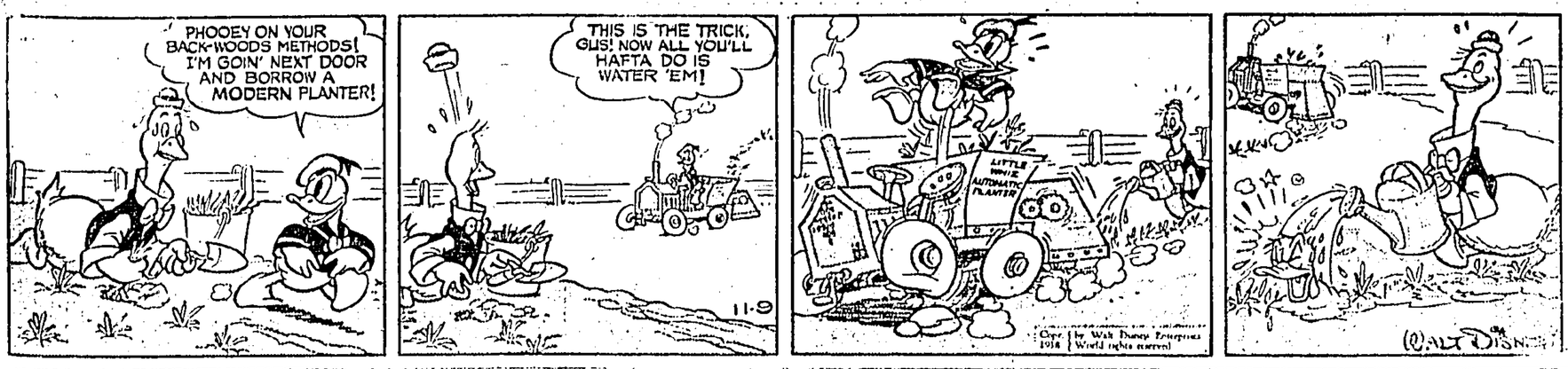

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DRIVER DISCHARGED

No Evidence of Going At Excessive Speed

A charge of driving without due care and caution against Tso Kam, licensed lorry driver, who it was alleged knocked down and killed a sixteen-year-old youth on November 29 in an attempt to avoid colliding with two others who had run out into Queen's Road Central, was dismissed by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the case was resumed.

Chief Inspector Saunders, of the Traffic Department, prosecuted, and Tso was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

It will be remembered that at a previous hearing the charge was amended from the original one of dangerous driving by Mr. R. Edwards, after the case for the prosecution had closed.

Defendant, it was alleged, was driving along Queen's Road on the night of November 29 when two boys ran out from under a verandah. In an attempt to avoid them, he swerved into a pillar, but knocked down a youth who was standing on the pavement.

Evidence of defendant's speed was given at the previous hearing by a Chinese witness who described himself as a marine hawker, and who said that defendant's lorry at the time of the accident was travelling "faster than a bus and slower than a motor car."

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Russ admitted that defendant had no case to answer because there was no evidence with regard to the speed defendant was said to have been travelling at.

Mr Houston held that there had been no evidence of defendant's lorry having travelled at an excessive speed, but remarked that the case had been properly brought by the Traffic Department. Mr. Houston remarked that there should always be an inquiry after a fatal accident.

BELIEVED DROWNED

Cyclist Who Rode Into The Harbour

Three young Chinese, Ho Cheung, 16, Ah Ki, 15, and Ah Yuen, 18, hired bicycles in Wanchai on Tuesday and went joy-riding. They rode along Gloucester Road, when Ah Yuen got too close to the edge on the north side, and losing control, went into the harbour. He was not seen again, and is believed to have been drowned.

The bicycle was later recovered by the police.

FALL FROM BUS

An Indian, A. Rahim, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital on Tuesday for treatment to injuries received when he was either knocked down or fell from a bus which he was attempting to board in Prince Edward Road. He suffered cuts to the head and face.

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BOGUS POLICEMEN

Daring Hold-Up Of Lorry At Shaukiwan

The holding up of a motor lorry by six Chinese in Shaukiwan on November 5, had a sequel in the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Yiu Kim-kwong, 29, clerk, and Ho Ching-ling, 32, theatre attendant, were charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with having robbed (together with others not in custody) Chan Wun and Yeung Tit of 20 bags of wolfram ore, three baskets of eggs and three bags of duck feathers. Second accused was additionally charged with receiving the wolfram ore, knowing it to have been stolen.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. R. E. Farrell (Foreman), Chung Kum-chuen, Pun Yun-hoi, Anson Yao, A. Hussain, J. M. O. dos Remedios and Lo Ho-kee.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, said the case was remarkable for more than one reason. The crime was committed in broad daylight, and took place in a populous district in Shaukiwan. There were six men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and who pretended to be vested with all the authority which the police normally had. However, if the allegations of the Crown were true, two of these men had been brought to book and part of the property had been recovered.

Early on November 5 a junk arrived in Shaukiwan from San Mei with the goods, consigned to the Cheung Ching and Cheung Yik firms, of Wing Hing Street.

The masters of these shops were notified, and they detailed Chan Wun and Yeung Tit to go to Shaukiwan and collect the goods. Chan and Yeung engaged a motor lorry, and on arriving at Shaukiwan began to transfer the cargo to the vehicle. After this was done, Chan returned to the body of the lorry while Yeung sat next to the driver, but just as they were about to drive away six men came rushing up. They said they were police officers and were going to take the party to the Central Police Station.

Armed With Revolver

Although the men were not in uniform, both Chan and Yeung felt they had some authority, for the first accused was carrying a revolver and the second had a police whistle attached to a chain. The pseudo policemen boarded the lorry and on arriving at Taikoo Dock, the first accused gave instructions to stop, and then turned to Yeung and demanded money. The second prisoner, who was sitting in the body of the lorry, also got off and re-inforced the demand by saying "sui" (water), which was Chinese slang for money.

By this time, Yeung was more than suspicious that these men were not what they purported to be, and therefore although he had $80 on him he pretended he had no money. He went on to suggest that he be allowed to go to his shop to get it, and to give an air of truth to his story he asked the driver to lend him ten cents for his tram fare. This was done, and Yeung was allowed to go.

Immediately afterwards, the robbers gave instructions to the driver to continue towards Wanchai. Meanwhile, Yeung had boarded a tramcar and on looking back, saw the lorry following. After the lorry had passed, he got off and telephoned his master. He was told to report the matter at the Bay View Police Station, which he did.

Continuing, Mr. Whyatt said that when the lorry arrived opposite the Luk Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, the driver was again told to stop. The robbers then said they would take the goods to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, instead of Central, and accordingly the first accused engaged a motor-boat. Chan Wun, by this time, had become suspicious and he struggled to get away from the lorry. The robbers attempted to push him into the motor-boat, but he managed to escape and rush towards the No. 2 Police Station where he made a report.

Although the driver suddenly saw Chan run away, he did not seem to realise what it was all about, and he obeyed the orders of the robbers to drive to Murray Pier. When they got there, the robbers left the lorry and transferred the merchandise to a sampan. The driver asked the first accused for his fare, and received the reply that he was from Central Police Station. Nevertheless, the driver persisted in his demand, and eventually the first prisoner signed a chit for it.

Goods Traced

Reports having been made to the Police, enquiries were at once started, and the masters of the two shops went to the Vehicular Ferry wharf in an endeavour to trace the driver of the lorry. They succeeded, and in consequence of what he told them, they immediately engaged a motor-boat and crossed the harbour. Eventually they came across a lorry driver named Ho Ching, who would tell the Court that early that morning, whilst he was standing near the Kowloon Godowns in Canton Road, he was asked to take three baskets of eggs to 206 Shanghai Street. Ho went to this address, and found another lorry outside the place and eggs being loaded on to it.

Enquiries made later at the address disclosed that early that morning about five or six men came to the floor with several small bags of eggs and feathers. As these caused an obstruction, they were told to take them away, and about fifteen minutes later a lorry and a taxi-cab arrived and removed the goods.

All the wolfram ore dealers in Shamshuipo and Mongkok were visited, and in the Wing Cheung shop in Shamshuipo some folkis were found shifting bags of wolfram ore. In the cockloft, the second accused was discovered, and the owner of the shop, Chiu Kwok, said he had just purchased the wolfram ore from him. Accused did not say anything to this, but when the detective said he was making enquiries about a robbery in Shaukiwan, he admitted he did take part in a "squeeze."

Enquiries continued, and eventually the driver of the lorry which removed the merchandise from the address in Shanghai Street, was located. In consequence of what he said, the first prisoner was arrested in Kowloon City on November 12. He said a police reservist had asked him to follow him, but did not say he was going to rob.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. to-day.

HONGKONG'S MOST FAMOUS PIRATE

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Ma-chow Wong. There are some entries in Chinese of moneys received from or for Mr. Caldwell."

ALTHOUGH every effort was made by interested parties to prevent the case from being brought to Court, the evidence was such that it would have been highly injudicious to have made any further pretence of concealment. Consequently, Ma-chow Wong was tried at the September Criminal Sessions of 1857 for "confederating with pirates," and was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude at the prison settlement on the Island of Labuan near British North Borneo.

Mr. Caldwell was naturally grief-stricken at the course of events, but he still managed to be able to exert his influence so that his protege did not have to submit to the indignity of having his handsome queue docked, as was then the custom with Chinese prisoners in the gaol.

Finally, on November 13, 1858, Ma-chow Wong, in company with fifty-nine other convicted Chinese felons, was sent away from the Colony, and after being in Labuan for a couple of years, he once more came into the limelight as a result of acting as the ringleader of an attempted uprising in which it was planned to release all the prisoners and murder the European wardens and Indian guards.

However, one of the convicts got "cold feet," and, appalled by the callous slaughter of so many people that the successful perpetration of the murder-plot would entail, went to the Prison Superintendent on the eve of the attempt, and confessed everything. As a result, five years were added to Wong's sentence, and he was more closely watched than ever.

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THE years passed by, and gradually his spirit came to be broken. At length in 1869, Sir John Pope Hennessy (who subsequently become Governor of Hongkong) and Mr. J. R. Howard, the Superintendent of Convicts at Labuan, prevailed upon the Home Government to award him a free pardon. Upon this being granted he returned to the Colony, whence he had been sent away more than ten years before. Immediately on his arrival here, he was arrested, but upon presenting his discharge papers from Labuan he was released, and was permitted to take up his residence here again. However, he found things vastly changed. Piracy was no more. The administration of Sir Hercules Robinson had effectively cleared up the augean-like corruption of the previous decade, and his erstwhile protector and business associate, Mr. D. R. Caldwell was now living in retirement at his residence in Hollywood Road.

Wong thought of proceeding to Canton, and when he did so he was welcomed by the Imperial officials, who offered him a commission and a mandarin's button of the fifth rank, if he would consent to serve the Chinese Government in a military capacity.

Sadly, however, he refused this tempting offer, and returned once more to Hongkong. All he wanted now was to end his days in peace and tranquillity under the flag of the nation which had treated him so generously. He had now become a thoroughly reformed man, and thought only of atoning for his past misdeeds. The Chinese Government never entirely forgot him, and during the war with France in 1884, it again offered him a military commission if he would serve the cause.

Once more, Wong refused, stating that he was too old to think of honours. Although poverty was now his lot, he was far happier than he had ever been. Besides, it would not be long before he would be called to join the souls of his departed ancestors.

The old ex-pirate survived until the year 1892. His passing was the last link which bound the modern Colony to the turbulent, tumultuous days of that older Hongkong which now exists only as an unpleasant memory.

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7.45 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Visioni—Waltz (Malvezzi); Interval Pastorale (arr. Lane Wilson) ....Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by George Reeves; 2. Carovana—Festosa (Luigi Avitabile).

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

3. Intermezzo (Jessel); 4. Boston Waltz (Weber); Interval Nuit D'Espagne (from 'Scenes Pittoresques'—Massenet) ....Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano; 5. L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1 (Bizet).

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog.'

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 London Relay—Harry Evans 'And a Piano.'

9.15 London Relay—'World Affairs.'

A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) and Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

Fisher-Ways (Schubert); The Fishermaiden; The Secret (Schubert) ....Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Goenraad V. Bos.; Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate) ...Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

10.05 Egon Petri at the Piano.

Sonata In C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight") (Beethoven—Op. 27, No. 2).

10.21 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

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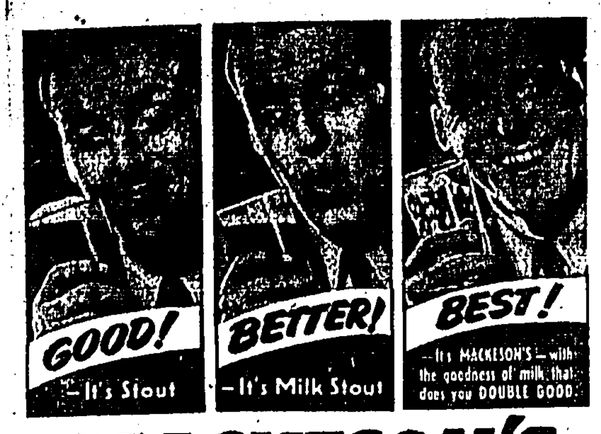

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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

They had been arguing (it was 1832) over a little matter connected with a bill for grain, and the conversation had become heated.

There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA

A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of French Somaliland, and Massawa, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at daybreak on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dawn like a threat and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

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Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

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Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-featured and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncongenial, unfruitful soil.

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Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

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Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabancs brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wildness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tell of

Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea: memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the *rendezvous* for as bloodthirsty a lot of fierce sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

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ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

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YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small-fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody; for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy by presenting his sister in marriage to him.

Needless to say that by the advent of the 'fifties, Wong was securely ensconced in his position as a local buccaneer. His fleet of swift, piratical lorchas, manned by trusty crews ensured for him a steady stream of loot, so that his warehouse on the Praya was always full. Not even Jean Lafitte, the most successful pirate of the Louisiana coast, was more fortunate than he; for his shop in Queen's Road provided the most effective cloak for the concealment of his real activities. What is more, the infinite variety, and the remarkably low prices of his goods, proved unusually attractive, and under such circumstances the business of Wong and Co. flourished.

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IN the meantime, he had become known throughout the Colony not only as a prosperous merchant and ship-owner, but also as a suspected Imperial spy on behalf of the Chinese Government. That he was especially loyal to the Manchu cause is shown by the preferential treatment accorded to him in later years, but that is another episode in his life.

Singularly enough, the phenomenal prosperity of Ma-chow Wong lasted for only seven years, and then the wheel of fortune suddenly ceased to turn any longer in his favour.

Ignominy, too, was to be his lot, and it all came about through the accidental arrest of a young American, who was later proven to be none other than Eli Boggs, the pirate. This man was in due course convicted of his crimes, and while awaiting deportation to America, in the course of a conversation with his gaolers, he related a strange tale of how he had seen the ostensibly respectable Chinese merchant Ma-chow Wong on previous piratical forays, and how he (Wong) had directed the operations which led to the capture of a certain vessel and the seizure of her cargo of sugar, and the murder of many of her crew. Such statements as these were at first regarded as highly improbable, but on being further investigated, the truth was elicited; and Ma-chow Wong was brought under arrest. In connection with the case, Mr. Charles May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr. A. L. Inglis; the Governor of Victoria Gaol issued the following amazing summary of the affair:

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers *in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of,*

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MURDER TRIAL BAN ON EVIDENCE ABOUT WIDOW

Doctor's Test Of 257 Bottles

EVIDENCE relating to the widow was ruled out by Mr. Justice Asquith when the Temple Chambers murder trial was resumed at the Old Bailey recently.

Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hornchurch (Essex), is charged with the murder of Francis Cyril Newlands (40), steward of a block of flats and offices at the Chambers.

The prosecution alleges that Newlands was poisoned by spirits of salts diluted with whisky.

On the day Newlands became ill Budd was said to have taken to the flat some spirits of salts in a black whisky bottle for use in soldering two tea urns.

According to the prosecution the bottle disappeared and had not been found.

HAD A "SWIG"

Dr. Owen John Patrick Bollon, who was called to see Newlands early on August 21, said that Budd produced a bottle almost immediately, telling him that Newlands had been taken suddenly ill and had had a "swig" from the bottle.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, was about to question the doctor regarding Mrs. Newlands when Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C. (defending), objected, submitting that so far as she was concerned nothing about what she looked like or what she did could be evidence against Budd.

The judge agreed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Bollon agreed that Budd gave him every assistance, adding: "But I cannot understand why he did not send for a doctor, or communicate with the police, if the man was in pain in the afternoon."

Mr. Hutchinson: That will come better from counsel for the prosecution than from a witness. What I am asking you is: Did it appear as if Budd had been looking after Mr. Newlands that afternoon?—In view of what I had said, no. But I have no evidence of what happened during the afternoon.

"GET OUT"

George Arthur Ring, fruiterer and florist, of Fetter Lane, E.C., said that on August 20 Mr. Newlands asked him and his sister into the sitting room to have a drink.

Budd was there as they entered and Mr. Newlands twice told him to get out. Budd went out and walked slowly up and down outside.

Newslands asked Ring if he would have some whisky, and Ring then saw Budd stop outside the door.

When the whisky was declined Budd walked on. Budd passed up and down a number of times.

Mrs. May Gladys Simpson, Ring's sister, said she saw Budd in the sitting-room. She went in with Mr. Newlands, who looked at Budd and said: "Come on, get out," but Budd did not go.

Mr. Newlands touched him on the arm and said: "Come on, get out." With that, Budd walked out slowly and Mr. Newlands switched on the wireless.

THE UNWANTED STORY

Mr. McClure: Just to fix the time, what was being played when the wireless first started?—It was Jack Payne's band.

Did you hear the music stop?—Yes, with Jack Payne playing his signature tune. A short story was going to follow, and I asked my brother to switch the wireless off as we did not want it.

Evidence given by Mr. George William Whitton, engineer in charge of the control room at Broadcasting House on August 20, was read by the clerk of the court.

Mr. Whitton said that at 3.39 he faded out Jack Payne's band on the London Regional programme and at 3.40 he turned on a short story from the Northern Regional programme.

Jean Boothman, kitchenmaid at Temple Chambers, said that on August 20 she saw Budd in the kitchen. He was soldering a tea urn and had a black bottle from which he poured something into a tin.

Miss Boothman agreed that Budd did not attempt to hide the bottle.

Dr. Henry Edward Archer, assistant pathologist at St. Bartholomew's, said that in a whisky bottle sent to him he found one part of "killed" spirits of salts to eight parts of fluid.

Dr. Archer added that 257 bottles were sent to him, but he found no trace of killed spirits of salts in them.

The hearing was adjourned.

Rosemary, Veronica and Margaret Lesley, bonnie daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Langley.—*Mayfair Studios.*

Schoolboy's Bunyan "Will" Only a Copy

Nottingham.

THE document which was believed to be John Bunyan's will, found in an old book by Paul Collier, a 14-year-old scholar of Nottingham Bluecoat School, was proved recently to be a very clever copy of the original document.

Dr. F. Mott Harrison, the greatest living authority on John Bunyan, travelled specially to the school to identify the document which had been handed to Captain Alfred Mearles, the headmaster, for safe keeping.

The document found by Paul Collier was closely examined at Captain Mearles's house.

CLEVER REPRODUCTION

"It is a very clever reproduction but outstanding facts show it to be a copy of the original will," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

"In the first place it is printed.

"The theory that Bunyan may have made two wills, the document found by Collier being one of them, is discounted by the fact that the same error occurs in both the original at Bedford and the document found by Collier.

"Bunyan began to sign his will which was really a deed of gift, and had got as far as Joh and a bit when the lawyer obviously told him to sign higher up on the paper.

"Bunyan crossed out the part of his name he had already written and wrote it in full again higher up.

"This is the mistake which occurs in the original and the Collier copy. "Now, apart from the fact that Collier's copy is printed, had Bunyan made two copies of his will he would not have made the mistake of signing too low down twice."

Captain Mearles is extremely grateful to Dr. Mott Harrison for his investigation and clearing up the matter, for even an expert lithographer who examined the document was deceived by it.

Had Collier's discovery been a genuine original it would have been worth a great deal of money.

REASONABLE VIEW

He will be told Dr. Mott Harrison's verdict, and, as some consolation for his disappointment, will receive an exact reproduction of Bunyan's will as a present from this great Bunyan authority.

"Captain Mearles's conclusion supported by the opinion of an expert lithographer was very reasonable in the circumstances," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

It is practically impossible for anyone but an expert, especially an expert on John Bunyan, to distinguish between genuine documents and copies.

"Naughty Girl Who Betted"

Understatement of profits totalling £17,500, on which income tax and surtax of £4,570 should have been paid, was alleged against a veterinary surgeon and his wife at South Western police court recently.

The surgeon, Leonard Seymour Balls of Kenley Park House, Kenley, Surrey, and Ida Ethel Balls, faced charges respecting alleged false entries in income-tax returns.

Mr. Sidney M. Young, prosecuting, said Mr. Balls acquired his present practice on the death of his father in 1923 to 1934.

The main establishment of Balls's business was at Brixton, Mr. Young said, and that was the establishment with which they were concerned.

HER OWN PRACTICE

"Before her marriage Mrs. Balls carried on a veterinary practice of her own, and she took a substantial part in her husband's business after they were married."

The substance of the charges was a deliberate understatement of cash takings at the Brixton establishment.

Those cash amounts consisted almost wholly of the takings of assistants employed by Balls and the personal takings of Balls himself.

Mr. Young alleged that these amounts, not entered into the books shown to the auditors, were handed to Mr. Balls or placed in the private banking account of Mrs. Balls.

From 1925 onwards practically the whole of the money, of which the origin could not be traced, was paid into the account of Mrs. Balls.

A Mr. Campbell, who examined her bank books, was so surprised by what he saw that he went to Mrs. Balls and asked her about the account.

"SOME BETTING"

Mrs. Balls said to him that she "had to admit that she had been a naughty girl and had been doing some betting."

"The position is that we have records of the cash taken at Balls's surgeries during certain periods. It is a much longer period than is covered by the records we have of the sums from unknown sources flowing into the banking accounts of the defendants."

Mr. D. G. Conolly, employed as bookkeeper by the defendants from June, 1925, to February, 1928, said he was handed most of the takings, and either banked the money or gave it to Mr. Balls or his wife.

From 1928 to 1933 the sum of £7,853 was taken at the Brixton surgery, and £2,179 of that was banked and entered in the cash-book, which was the book the auditors were shown.

The balance was taken by Mr. Balls and not entered in the books.

TESTING RECRUITS FOR INDUSTRY

Practical Psychology

THE increasing use of industrial psychology in both education and industry is indicated in the annual report of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology. During the last three years the institute has made investigations for the West Sussex Education Committee to determine the proportion of children in the area who are subnormal in intelligence or educationally retarded.

This work is almost completed, but certain of the teachers, who have been specially trained by the institute in the individual application of the Binet-Simon tests of intelligence, are continuing to examine children who made particularly low scores in the group intelligence tests in order to discover which of them appear incapable of benefiting from the usual elementary school curriculum.

A study undertaken by the institute, in cooperation with a number of Scottish textile firms, had the purpose of securing the selection of suitable recruits to the industry. For the first time the institute undertook an investigation for a whole industry. After a thorough survey of textile processes in both spinning and weaving mills a list of the aptitudes required for the various types of work was made. Tests to measure those aptitudes were devised, and are now being tried.

A study of labour turnover in undertakings in London and Leeds was the subject of a special report. Consultative visits were paid to a number of firms which required advice on particular problems. Discussions on the psychology of selling were held for a group of salesmen.

A number of education authorities asked the institute for advice on heating, ventilating, and lighting of new and old school buildings. In one case alterations in the type and arrangement of heating units were suggested. "The manufacturers concerned were interested in these improvements, and requested the institute to continue the investigation by testing new experimental types of heating unit. This resulted in a new type being evolved which gave improved results and at the same time effected a saving of more than 20 per cent. in current consumption."

Advice on the choice of a career was given to some 1,400 persons, mostly young people. A number of courses of training in the institute's methods included one for Borstal housemasters and one for teachers under the Hull Education Committee.

A broad survey of leisure occupations was planned, but for financial reasons had to be curtailed. The original intention was to include in the the investigation (a) a town of varied industries where the dwellings, centres of work, and recreational facilities are within walking distance from one another; (b) an industrial town where the dwellings, centres of work, and recreational facilities are not within walking distance from one another; (c) a district in process of planned development; (d) a rural district; and (e) a holiday resort. Ipswich, Bolton, Slough, the Kesteven district of Lincolnshire, and Weston-super-Mare were chosen, but lack of time and money prevented any work in Bolton and Weston-super-Mare. A fairly intensive survey was made of Ipswich and a rather less exhaustive study of Kesteven and of Slough. The "interesting and valuable," results are to be published later.

Deflation Plus Inflation

Willows, Cal.

The evil effects inflation and deflation are not always purely of a financial or economic order. When a club caretaker here chased three boys off the club's hunting preserves, the boys returned and deflated the tires of his car. Besides a $10 fine the boys were sent back to inflate them again.

EMPIRE NEWS

Judge's Suicide In Tanganyika

Dar-Es-Salaam.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned at the inquest on Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce, Acting Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, who was found shot through the head in his bed room on November 7.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, Chief Justice of Kenya and President of the East African Court of Appeal, who was one of the chief witnesses, requested that part of his evidence should be heard in camera. Sir Joseph was staying with Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce at the time of the latter's death.

The Coroner, in his finding, stated that the closing of the court was not necessary in view of the nature of the evidence disclosed.

It appeared that Mr. Knight-Bruce had been a very sick man for a considerable time, both in body and mind. Domestic differences had arisen in which another unnamed person was concerned.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, in his evidence, said that Mr. Knight-Bruce was devoted to his wife, and was filled with remorse when she left for England for a holiday shortly before the tragedy.

Sir Joseph referred to an incident at a public dance, when Mr. Knight-Bruce struck an individual in the presence of his wife, Sir Joseph Sheridan, and others. Later the men were brought together on friendly terms.

Sir Joseph Sheridan admitted that two nights before the tragedy he locked himself in his room, owing to the demeanour of Mr. Knight-Bruce.

AUSTRALIA

RURAL TRAINING FOR BOYS.

Sydney.

Employment on farms in New South Wales has been found for 522 youths during the last year by officers of the rural employment scheme for boys. This brings the total number of boys for whom this organisation has found employment up to 4,000, of whom 3,000 have already opened savings bank accounts.

These activities for Australian youths are in addition to the work for immigrant youths which is being done by the Fairbridge Farm Schools, the Salvation Army and the Big Brother movement.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAX.—A bill has been introduced in Queensland to abolish the present unemployment relief tax and substitute a special income-tax to be known as the Income State Development Tax. From January 1 there will be an all-round reduction in the rate of tax now being paid. Under the new tax workers up to the level of the basic wage will be exempt and the rates on other incomes will be £211 to £227, 1d. in the pound; £227 to £499, 6d. in the pound; over £499, 9d. in the pound. This is in addition to the normal State and the Federal income-taxes.

MR. HUGHES'S WARNING.—Mr. W. M. Hughes, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech at the opening of the campaign for 70,000 militia recruits, said: "We live in a mad world, in which it is necessary to prepare to deal with madmen. Australia's position is most dangerous. Britain is ready but may be unable to help."

NEW ZEALAND

USE OF LONDON CREDITS

Auckland.

Mr. Polson, M.P., president of the Primary Producers' Federation, declares that the use of Reserve Bank credit in London by the Government and the depletion of London funds as led to serious financial embarrassment.

Prof. Hytten, adviser to the Bank of New South Wales, is of the opinion that the expansion of the public works programme in New Zealand is causing an unbalanced economy.

JAMAICA

SUGAR LABOURERS' GRIEVANCES

Kingston.

A deputation from the Jamaica sugar industry informed the Royal Commission which is inquiring into labour troubles that if the economic condition of labourers on sugar estates was to be improved to a decent standard Jamaica would not only want a larger export quota than was granted under the international sugar agreement, but would require also an improvement in present prices.

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By LARS MORRIS

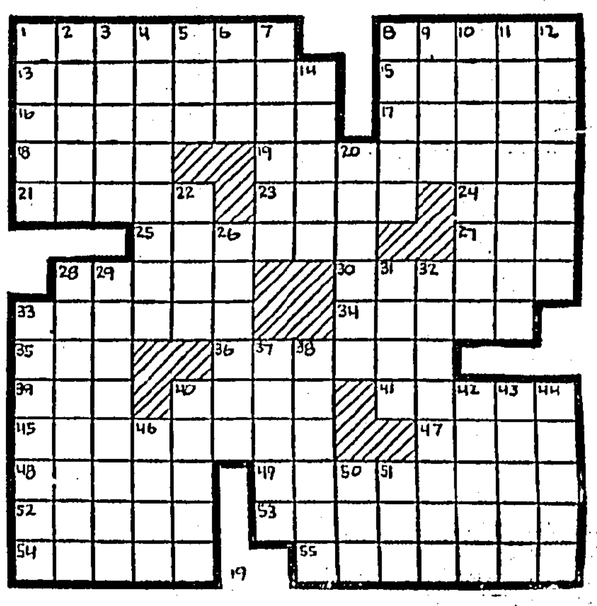
ACROSS

1—Conductor's car on freight train
6—Famous violin (col.)
13—Affirming
15—Movement of quadrille
16—Capable of being led
17—Like an urn
18—Riffraff (Scottish)
19—Case offered as example
21—10th century Arabian physician
23—Rests in chair
24—Bird of prey
25—Restless
27—Freed
28—Female ruler
30—Rat-like Haitian animal
33—Pain of Siberia
34—Biting (col.)
35—Knock
36—Part of harness
39—Outcast class of Japan
40—Impetuous dash
41—Chilean seaport
45—Dryness
47—Kind of cheese
48—Measure of gold purity
49—And so forth
53—Bound in vassalage to lord
53—Starfish (plural)
54—Biblical name
55—Is agreeable to

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

1—Heat (Latin)
2—Feudal service to king
3—Carries
4—Gave formal orders for
5—Anglo-Saxon coin
6—Related by blood
7—Enroll
8—Plugs for holes in boiler
9—Mosaic law (Hebrew)
10—Horse that came in second (col.)
11—Facility
12—Things to be destroyed (Latin)
14—Bent of mind (French)
20—Drift ashore
22—Prophet
26—Lacking necessary power
28—Stanza of four lines (French)
29—Not matched
31—River in New Mexico
32—Short humorous opera
33—Molasses
37—Levels to ground
38—Part of shoe
40—Go inside
42—Mental images
43—Bet on 4 numbers in roulette
44—Accumulate
46—Dark-skinned foreigner (slang)
50—Coolidge's nickname
51—Outfits of nativity



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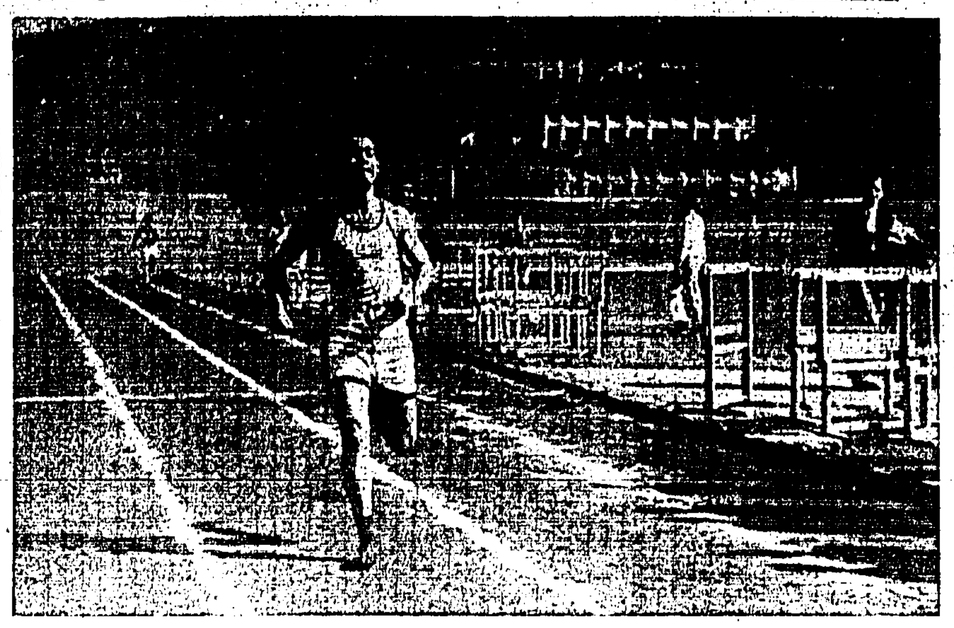

As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday with the greatest of ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs., which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—*Photo by Staff Photographer.*

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket Tie Against Navy

Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbit")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Weedon, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownrigg and Kyrke away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the spacious leisurely days of the past.

Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith allowed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11—1—6.) Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11—2—5.

MORE TROUBLE

This brought Manners and Kennedy together, both of whom have played for the Navy at Lord's. The latter shaped nicely and made an excellent shot past extra cover to the corner of the ground, but the last ball of Godby was a fast yorker which just hit the off stumps. 17—3—5.

Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slashed and somehow or other put it between the wicket keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore.

It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind mow at an off ball and sicled it to second slip. 47—5—20. Two runs later Clayton snicked Godby to Land at second slip. Wanstall did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went on for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had realised fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight.

Moores hung on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 29, played at a most critical time. 115—9—29. Paxton made three singles and then Moores was l.b.w. to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT

After tiffin the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paxton's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty six after an hour's play which is slow for the ground. At this point Paxton relieved Whitmarsh, and Moores went on for Manners. Moores sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 94 he mistimed a slower one and scooped up an easy chance to Lees. (94—2—46.)

Land came in and on-drove Paxton who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he need have been. Just after the hundred was hoisted, Patterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paxton to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112—3—43.) Land began to bat confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moores, which sped to the boundary in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paxton fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET

Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby especially seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression he was seeing them. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 146—5—13. Hatfield, promoted in the order after his good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moores which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moores' next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 157—7—12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moores bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one. 161—8—0. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an end up and put Moores away to squnre leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank! A perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wristwork. Manners went on but Lawrence banged him to the mid-wicket boundary tho' it obviously was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moores next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195—9—19.

P. S. M. Paterson came in and pushed a four through the slips but off the first ball of Manners next over Swyers went out to drive, missed the ball and was stumped. The innings closed for 199—a lead of 85 runs.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT

The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton snicked the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg for four and that was that.

Scores:

ROYAL NAVY.—1ST. INNS.

Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby	6
L/S Smith, c Land b Paterson	5
Lt. Commdr. Kennedy, b Godby	5
Lt. Manners, c Godby, b Land	20
Commdr. Firth, b Godby	0
E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby	4
Commdr. Lees, b Godby	29
S. P. O. Wanstall, c Paterson, b Land	4
Lt. Talbot, c Paterson, b Baker	28
Mar. Moores, l.b.w., b Godby	0
C. P. O. Paxton, not out	3
Extras	5
Total	118

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Paterson	3	–	19	1
Land	9	–	40	2
*Hatfield	6	1	21	–
Swyers	2	–	12	–
Baker	3	2	1	1

*Bowled one no-ball.

ARMY.—1ST. INNS.

S/Sgt. Patterson, c Whitmarsh b Paxton	43
Cpl. Webb, l.b.w. b Paxton	0
Driver Logan, c Lees b Moores	46
Sgt. Land, c Paxton b Manners	27
Capt. Godby, b Moores	12
Pte. Coombes, c Clayton b Moores	13
Pte. Hatfield, b Moores	2
Major Swyers, st. Clayton b Manners	13
Sgt. Baker, b Moores	0
Capt. Lawrence, b Moores	19
P. S. M. Paterson, not out	4
Extras	20
Total	199

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	24	3	61	2
Moores	22	5	58	6
Manners	13.1	3	36	2
Whitmarsh	9	–	24	–

NAVY.—2ND. INNS.

L/S Smith, not out	4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield	0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out	0
Total (1 wkt.)	4

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	2	1	4	–
Hatfield	1	1	–	1

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OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to nip in and get in a shot or pass to a better-placed colleague. He must always be on the look-out for a clearance to the wing by one of the defenders, and if he sees any prospect of it, he should place himself in the position to which the clearance is likely to be made; for backs and goalies under pressure have little time to pick and choose as to where to hit, but are generally content to clear the ball anywhere out to the wing.

In taking passes on the left, the blade of the stick should be facing the direction in which the ball is coming, so that on impact with the stick the ball is checked and by a very slight turn, can be placed in the desired position.

Unless the stick is faced squarely to the ball in the first instance, it will glance off and go out of control. It is easier to get the ball into position on taking a pass if the stick is kept fairly wide of the body. Taking it too close to the feet is liable to hamper you by the ball becoming mixed up with your feet

CHANGING PLACES

Inter-change of positions between an inside and an outside forward, between a centre and an inside man, and between a half and a full back can be very effective. Imagine a winger, to reach a badly-delivered pass, comes inward a few yards, and as he does so, draws with him the opposing half; then is the time for the inside to dash behind and outside his winger, giving him a sign, if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.

Lieut. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pivot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

Mrs. Ackroyd has been a most prolific scorer for the Seaforth Ladies this season.

STANDINGS OF TEAMS TO DATE

The following are the standings of the various teams in the Hongkong H.A. Tournament to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	6	5	0	1	21	4	11
C.B.A.	6	4	2	0	13	8	8
Recreio	6	4	2	0	9	3	8
R.A.F.	6	3	3	0	20	9	6
Police "A"	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
Nomads	4	2	1	1	12	5	5
K.I.T.C.	5	1	2	2	11	13	4
Police "B"	4	0	4	0	0	16	0
Varsity	3	0	3	0	0	8	0
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	26	0

Boxing

HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3.

Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York in a fortnight's time to secure Baer's signature.

Failing Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavyweight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnstone and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's reply was:

NO ELIMINATORS

"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one.

"I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as Tommy Farr was.

"Of course, the power of the purse generally operates in boxing. It has to. But I do not think there is the slightest prospect of my going to America unless it is for a title fight.

"As to a fight here, who is there? I see no point in fighting Baer, even in London. Still, we must await developments and see what is offered. Except in the case of a world title fight I am not desperately eager to grab a match with Tom, Dick or Harry. In fact, it is possible I shall make an exhibition tour."

PHILLIPS'S PURSE

In spite of this statement, Mr. Hulls has great hopes of matching him with Baer or Lewis, and it will probably depend on the sort of inducement he is able to offer Harvey.

Baer is over two stones heavier, carries a tremendous punch, but is slow and easily outboxed. He looked very poor when Farr beat him, and very good when he knocked out Ben Foord.

The receipts on Thursday night proved to be only about £7,000, of which the boxers were each guaranteed £1,500, with the option of 25 per cent. of the receipts, whichever was the greater. They will, therefore, be due to receive just under £2,000 each.

Phillips's purse, however, must be handed to the British Boxing Board of Control, as stated in *The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post* yesterday, and held by the Board until the stewards have reviewed the circumstances of Phillips's disqualification by the referee. The Board may deal with the purse money as they think fit.

My view of the incident which led to the referee intervening is that Phillips was half-conscious at the time and unable to control the direction of his punches.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

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R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

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K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half when Pyara Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Partab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

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IQBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

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THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mongkok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Austen, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

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POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Leslie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chenan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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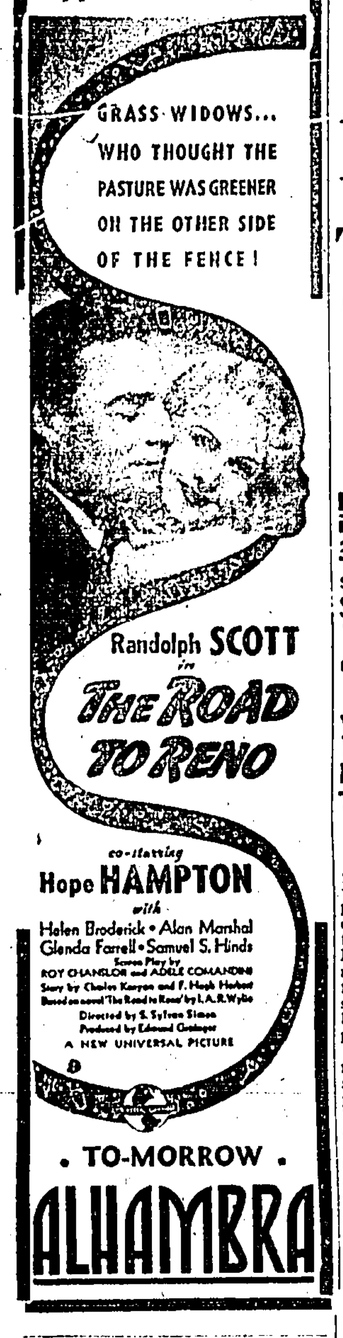

• TO-MORROW •
ALHAMBRA

Eddie Paynter Scores Century In Each Innings In First Test Match

Third Englishman to do This Against The South Africans: Game Drawn

As generally expected, after the third day's play, the First Test match at Johannesburg ended in a draw yesterday. The M.C.C., with a lead of 32 runs after the first innings, declared their second knock at 291 for four wickets and the South Africans, facing a score of 323, had made 108 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Eddie Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, who made 117 in the M.C.C. first innings, scored 100 in the second, thus becoming the third Englishman to score a century in each innings in Test matches against South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

The weather was sunny when the game was resumed to-day on a wicket which was worn and had patches at both ends. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Paynter took two fours in succession from Langton and reached 51 in 77 minutes, his tally including seven fours. Both batsmen were aggressive and their innings were marked by powerful driving. The 150 appeared in 149 minutes.

Gibb brought up his century in 184 minutes, including seven fours, but six runs later he was beaten completely by Dalton. His batting had been a judicious blend of aggression and defence.

Hammond joined Paynter and the pair continued until lunch when the score was two for 223, Paynter being 82 and Hammond 13.

After lunch the crowd grew to over 1,000 and watched Hammond in aggressive mood. He scored 30 in 20 minutes and brought up the 250 in 224 minutes. Paynter reached his century in 189 minutes, including 10 fours, and became the third Englishman to score a century in each innings of a test against South African. A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe were the others.

Hammond brought up his 50 in 19 minutes, but Paynter did not pass his 100, sending a skier to Langton at mid-on off Gordon.

Ames joined Hammond at three for 281 but only 10 runs had been added when Hammond put his leg in front of a straight one from Dalton and was out for 58. Hammond then declared with four down for 291, leaving South Africa with 324 to score to win.

Hammond scored his runs in 63 minutes and made some beautiful drives. He hit five fours.

The South Africans opened with Mitchell and Van Der Byl again and were taking no chances.

Stonewalling tactics were adopted, and with this policy continuing throughout the afternoon, a draw became inevitable.

At 67, Van Der Byl's off-stump was disturbed by Hammond in the English captain's first over. He had scored 36, made in 130 minutes, his chief scoring strokes being three fours and a six.

Mitchell and Nourse continued sedately and took the score to 108 without further loss, when stumps were drawn. Mitchell's contribution was 48 and Nourse's 17.

Mitchell batted for 168 minutes and hit five boundaries.

Scores:

M.C.C.

1st. Innings	422

SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS.

B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van Der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND. INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, b Dalton	100
Paynter, c Langton, b Gordon	100
W. R. Hammond, l.b.w. b Dalton	58
Ames, not out	3
Extras	14
Total (for 4 wkts. decld.)	291

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	14	2	67	0
Langton	16	3	64	0
Mitchell	11	1	58	0
Gordon	14	0	59	2
Dalton	6.5	0	29	2

SOUTH AFRICA—2ND INNS.

Mitchell, not out	48
Van Der Byl, b Hammond	38
Nourse, not out	17
Extras	5
Total (for 1 wkt.)	108

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	7	3	17	0
Edrich	3	0	7	0
Verity	16	8	17	0
Goddard	11	3	31	0
Wilkinson	8	3	18	0
Hammond	6	3	13	1

DALTON DROPPED

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

E. L. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for pulling South Africa out of its plight, has been dropped from the second test team to meet the M.C.C. at Capetown on Saturday. Bond has also been omitted, the vacancies being filled by Balaskas and Rowan.

The team is.—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, A. D. Nourse, P. Van der Byl, E. W. Davies, X. Balaskas, No. Gordon, F. A. Rowan.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CHANGE

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

Another change has been made in the South African team to meet the M.C.C. in the Second Test.

K. Viljoen has injured his hand and drops out of the team. His place will be taken by A. W. Briscoe, of Transvaal.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the University past students in the annual match against the present students at Pokfulam on Sunday.—Zimmern (capt.) D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, S. V. Glttins, E. L. Gosano, D. Hung, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, W. H. Sling, F. R. Zimmern, J. L. Youngsaye, Scorer, S. C. Ho.

The following will represent the Club against the Navy in the triangular tournament match on Saturday and Monday.—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. Beck, J. H. Fox, J. Ilsley, N. D. Lloyd, G. Longfield, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride.

The following will represent Combined Schools against University at Pokfulam on Friday.—D. Crary, Fisher, F. J. Lay, D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), and G. Gosano (La Salle), T. Lockhart, N. Smith, W. G. Pryde, T. M. Sutter (C.B.S.); W. Mulcahy, Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).

Paynter
. . . he scored a century in each innings.

Home Football

Motherwell Win Away Encounter

London, Dec. 28.

Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were decided to-day, results being as follows:

Albion	3	Ayr U.	3
Kilmarnock	1	Motherwell	3

—Reuter.

LYNCH TO TRAIN IN MONASTERY

London, Dec. 4.

Benny Lynch, former fly-weight champion, in another desperate bid to come back, sails to Ireland to-day to train in the company of silent Cistercian monks in the Famous Mount Melleray Monastery, in Co. Waterford.

His wife told the "Sunday Dispatch" last night: "This opportunity of going to Ireland to get away from his old ties is a Heaven-sent chance for Benny.

"I think he has realised that unless he gets right down to the task of getting fit the future will be pretty dark for us all."

Mr. George Dingley, the Scottish boxing promoter, said: "It's up to Benny and no one else. He can get himself properly fit again, and if he does so I can make £20,000 for him in the next two or three years."

Lynch has received a letter from Mr. A. L. Elvin, the Wembley Stadium promoter, wishing him luck and promising him matches when he is fit for a come-back.

VOWS

The monks of Mount Melleray Abbey live a rigorous life under strict discipline and stern self-control. They are bound by a vow of perpetual silence from which only the guest master and lay brothers are absolved.

Another Glasgow boxer, Johnny McGrory, British feather-weight ex-champion, suggested the idea to Lynch.

Lawn Tennis

Miss Stammers Unable To Go To S. Africa

London, Nov. 23.

Miss Kay Stammers has had to decline the invitation to join the British team to tour South Africa this winter. She informed the L.T.A. of her decision yesterday.

The reason is that Miss Stammers cannot spare the time from business. "Kay is very disappointed," said her mother, "but the tour is such a long one that she could not possibly spare the time. She is in business with a London firm, and, as it happens, her busiest time comes just after Christmas, so she has had no alternative but to decline.

"It must be remembered that she has only just returned from a long stay in America."

The team for South Africa is due to leave at the end of next month.

FRIENDLY RUGBY

The Club "A" Rugby XV defeated the Army "A" team by 20 to 3 at the Club ground yesterday. After a solitary Army try, the following scored for the Club: Chadwick 3 tries, Wilson 2 tries, Nelson 1 try (Stark converting one). The score at half-time was 6-3.

FRENCH CONSULAR POSTS

French consular changes notified to take place shortly, include an exchange of posts between M. Leurquin, Consul General at Harbin, and M. Blondeau, Consul at Hankow.

M. Leurquin will be remembered as Consul General in Hongkong two years ago.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (King's Theatre, to-day). — Characteristic Edmond Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which follows the usual run. Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Stroheim head the cast. The ending is unusual. A British production.

"That Certain Woman" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Bette Davis in a powerful drama as a woman who loves not wisely but too well. Supported by Henry Fonda and Ian Hunter. Good entertainment.

"Women Are Like That" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Pat O'Brien looks understandably unhappy as the egotistical advertising man who becomes a drunkard when his wife succeeds in a deal which he had abandoned. Kay Francis's gowns are splendid. Melville Cooper, Borden Oliver and Ralph Forbes are in the cast.

"Prison Farm" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A shocker about the girl who loves a man who, although she does not know it, is a criminal. They are caught together and sent to a prison farm, where scenes of brutality are enacted. Shirley Ross, Lloyd Nolan, John Howard, J. Carrol Naish and Porter Hall.

"Reformatory" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—As the title indicates, the story is of life in an American reformatory, with Jack Holt, as the warden, introducing a new system to the boys of the farm. Interesting film.

DANGEROUS ACTION

Quantity of Fireworks Stored in Cockloft

A total fine of $150 was imposed on Lau Yue-lock, of Messrs. Chung Shun Loong, 91 Bonham Strand East, ground floor, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on three counts connected with the storage of fireworks. Lau was alleged to have stored 1,115 lbs. of fireworks in the wooden cockloft of his shop on December 20; to have failed to provide strong glass shades for two electric lamps on the counter; and to have had possession of fireworks containing improper explosive ingredients, namely, potassium chlorate. He pleaded guilty to all charges.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Acting Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said that defendant had a permit to store only 400 lbs. of fireworks in a case in the shop itself, and was not allowed to store fireworks in the cockloft. Defendant carried on a small business selling firecrackers and joss paper.

The fireworks were ordered to be confiscated.

WIN FOR REDSHANK

In Sweepstake Race Held By Yacht Club

Redshank was first in the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 9.4 miles, the yachts starting at 14.45. Results:

	Finished	Corrd	Pos.
Redshank (E. T. Stanley).	17.01.05	16.51.41	1
Eve (E. Bader).	17.02.00	16.53.36	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).	17.02.07	16.53.43	3
Painted Lady (M. T. L. Wilkinson).	17.02.50	16.53.86	4
Nereid II (C. H. Barry).	17.03.04	16.54.28	5
Maureen (R. Lawder).	17.04.05	16.54.41	6
Jean (G. C. Gowland).	17.04.20	16.54.56	7
Gull (A. O. G. Mills).	17.04.21	16.54.57	8
Colleen (G. J. Tarr).	16.56.00	——	9
Artemis (S. Berg).	17.05.43	16.56.19	10
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King).	17.05.55	16.56.31	11
Ariel (Drew Wilkinson).	17.00.00	16.56.37	12

EXHIBITION TENNIS

Filipinos To Play At Kowloon To-day

Leonardo Gavis and Armado Sanchez, winner and runner-up of the Philippines tennis championship, will appear in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day at 2.30 p.m. They arrived yesterday on the Potsdam.

Players selected to play against the visitors are the Tsui brothers George Choa, Szeto Bick and A. E. P. Guest.

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PRETTY FASHIONS
FOR BIG SISTER

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1214

Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.

WHEN I was fourteen I wanted to look like my mother. I could not understand why this, that and the other style were too old for me.

Most mothers find that daughters of this age either do not care what they look like or want to imitate too closely an elder sister.

If you want her to look nice, encourage your daughter to take an interest in her clothes, and she will learn to choose wisely, and if she likes sewing it is going to save her money later on if she can make her own frocks.

Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

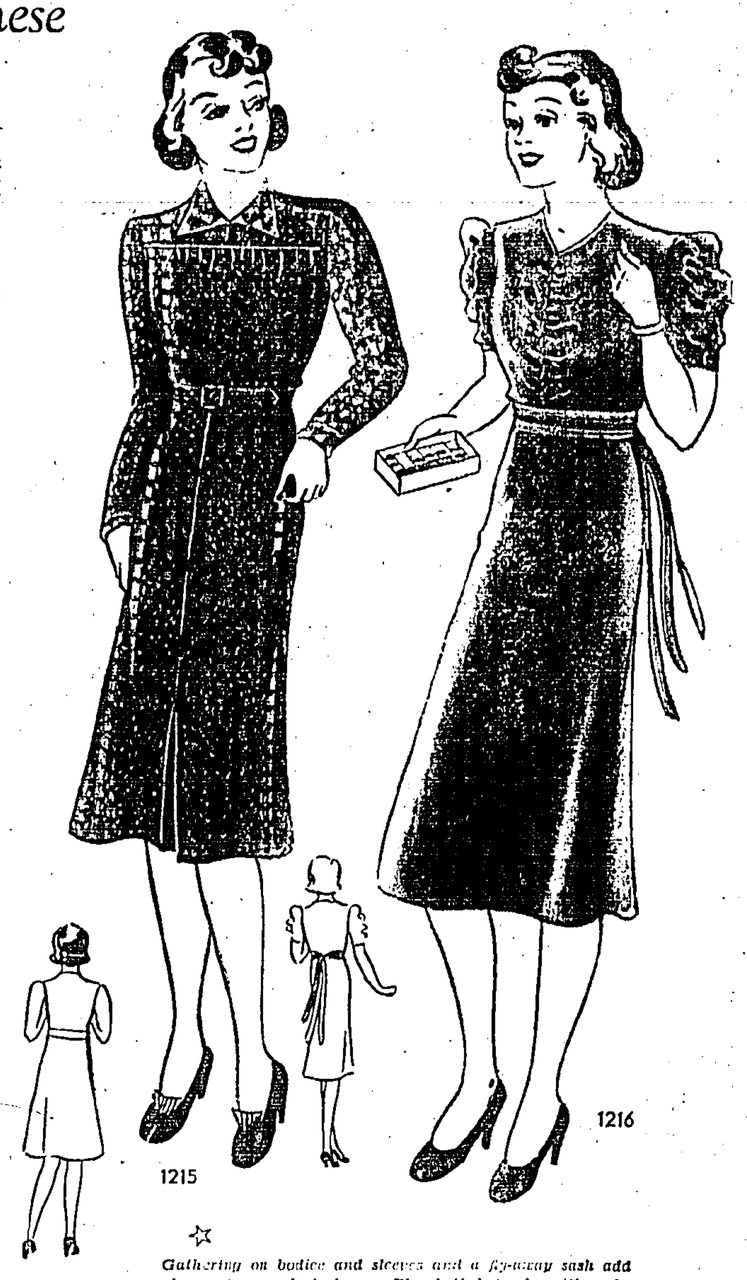
At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in lazy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



1215 1216

Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a fly-away sash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

Braid Enlivens Black Crepe

Gold braid embroidery studded with the topaze-coloured stones forms the patterns of an elaborate necklace on this high-necked gown of black rayon crepe. Rows of shirring hold the fullness of the wide girdle and sleeves. The puff sleeves are set in high on the shoulders.

Try A Hot Salad

SOME cold day try a hot salad, either alone with bread and butter, or as an accompaniment to hot or cold meat. It is excellent with meat pies and recooked meat dishes, such as shepherd's pie.

To make it, steam six medium-sized potatoes in their jackets. Let them cool, then skin them, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in the bottom of a fire-proof dish. Season with pepper to taste, sprinkle over half a cupful of minced cooked celery and two teaspoonfuls, of chopped parsley.

Heat together two tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar, two tablespoonfuls of wine vinegar and a slice of lemon. Remove the lemon and strain the liquid over the salad. If preferred it can be omitted and the salad served neat or with any sauce desired. Heat through in a slow oven and serve at once, piping hot.

Slices of tomatoes or cooked Brussels sprouts make a pleasant addition. Croutons of toast, soaked in a little gravy, soup, or stock can take the place of potatoes for a change.

W. B.

Room Plants In Winter

PLANTS that are kept in a room need more care in winter than in summer, as the atmosphere indoors is often hot and dry. Artificial heat of any description tends to create a dry atmosphere, which is detrimental to growing plants. The dryness can be overcome by spraying occasionally overhead, and an ordinary clean scent spray filled with tepid water will answer the purpose.

The question often arises about the watering of room plants. Cold water from the tap should never be given, as this checks their growth. Wait until the soil in the pot is dry, then give it a good soaking in tepid water.

A plant's particular position in a room has a direct bearing on its health. If its foliage is jammed against the window-pane, it will be subject to draughts. Its growth in that direction will be impaired and its foliage spoilt.

The leaves of palms and any plants with large foliage should be sponged once a week. Those with softer foliage, such as ferns, need an occasional complete immersion in tepid water. A plant breathes through its leaves, and this bath dislodges the dust that collects.

Give your plants plenty of room to breathe, and air the room thoroughly.

On sunny days, put them on a table by the open window for an hour or so, as they need all the sun available at this time of the year.

M. L. M.

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WHAT IS BEAUTY?

IF you asked a dozen, or even more, people exactly what feminine beauty is, I have no doubt that you would hear a dozen or more different definitions. The reason for this is that there are so many things which go to the making of a beautiful woman. It is impossible to say that beauty is any one thing. Anyway, here are some of the things which obviously go to produce beauty.

I don't want to say much about the importance of grooming and dress because that is universally understood. The loveliest of features and the most potential allure would be completely disguised by a grimy complexion, unkempt hair, and dilapidated clothes. But even if she has physically qualified with success for the beauty degree, a woman's work is by no means done.

Of the many things which go to make beauty, expression is one of the most important. Many a time one can see two faces which, physically, may be called equally lovely, yet there is a world of difference in their actual attraction, the reason being that one looks ordinary while the other looks full of character.

Character Revealed in Expression

When speaking of expression, I do not merely mean that one must bear a smiling, or a serious, or a thoughtful, or any other superficial look. What I refer to is something much more subtle than that. I mean the general character which is stamped on the face and which no amount of casual and fleeting expressions can destroy. And faces do get stamped with character. No matter how careful one is to disguise one's feelings, inner emotions definitely transfer their mark to the face. The only way, therefore, to acquire a lovely facial mein is to regulate one's thoughts accordingly.

Things like spite, unjust thoughts, cunning and do on, should, as far as possible, be kept out of one's mental operation. A warm but firm temperament is what one should aim at; deep thoughts and interests, instead of shallow ones; quiet confidence instead of either abjectness or bravado. All this would inevitably stamp itself on the face, resulting in an arresting, and likeable expression.

Another essential attribute of beauty is poise. No woman, however charming physically, can lay genuine claim to beauty if she behaves without dignity, if she titters inanely, if she is always being "caught out" and being made a fool of or if she sits or walks in an ugly manner. Unexaggerated poise is an integral part of beauty.

And here is a special tip which a particularly attractive woman gave me. Carry a little nonchalance with you. Think to yourself that, although you love the world and its inhabitants, you are nevertheless not prepared to kow-tow to anybody or anything. You are an individual yourself, and you intend to remain one, with your own ideas and principles and likes and dislikes. Though you respect others' opinions, your own actions are not affected unduly by the edicts of others.

Carriage and Voice

I mentioned walking earlier, but it deserves more than a mention. Graceful walking, and sitting too, are an indispensable part of beauty. You need not do it as if you are either a robot, or a drill sergeant, or a mannequin. Exaggeration looks ridiculous, not beautiful. But have a quiet, inconspicuous grace.

Further, no woman can possibly be beautiful if her voice is ugly. This, as a matter of fact, should come near the head of beauty attributes. Many an illusion may be dispelled and, on the other hand, many a favourable impression may be created by the opening of a mouth!

Pronounce your words correctly, do shape your lips when speaking instead of only using your jaws and opening your mouth too wide, and, above all, speak in moderate tones and don't screech.

Other things which will help you to create the impression of beauty are the ability to make interesting conversation and the capacity to be witty.

No doubt you will say that all this sounds rather a tall order, but it is much easier than you think. If you get into the habit of following these principles, they will very soon become second nature, and you will find yourself practising them without having to give a single thought to them, just as you practise breathing.

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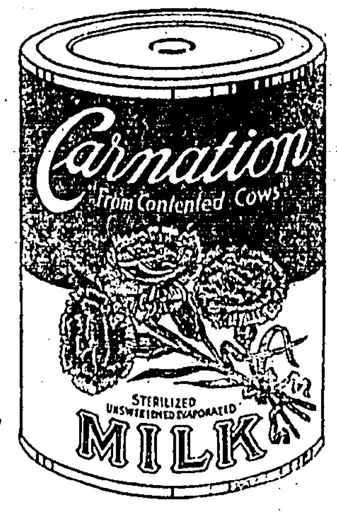

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POLICE reinforcements were called to a baby show at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Upton Park, E., recently, to control the crowd of mothers who brought their children to be judged. Two or three hundred babies were expected. Actually about 1,500 were brought. Here is part of the crowd waiting outside the gates.

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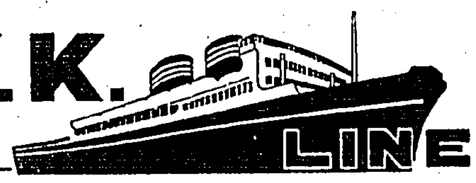

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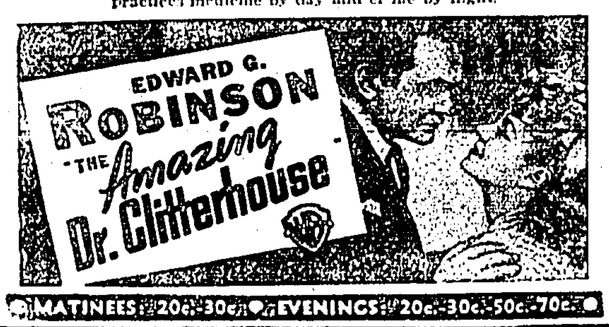

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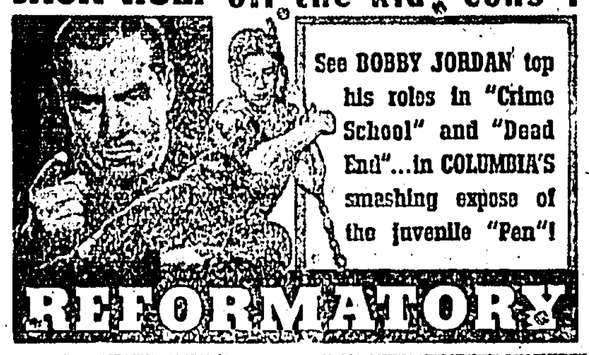

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TOKYO CABINET

Changes Foreshadowed By The Press

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The possibility of changes in the Cabinet before the meeting of the Imperial Diet on January 20 is foreshadowed in the press here. The papers stress that the Premier, Prince Konoye, in his recent declaration emphasised the necessity of tightening the reins of Government and that following his declaration the Premier had several conversations with the elder statesmen including Baron Hiranuma and President of the Council of State, Yuasa, as well as with various members of the Cabinet.

It is also pointed out that Prince Konoye and members of the Council of State were received in audience by the Emperor to-day.

In connection with possible changes in the Cabinet, political circles observe that the great task assumed by Japan in reorganisation of the Far East renders indispensable an absolute agreement between the leading Japanese statesmen, implying firm co-operation of military and economic authorities with those responsible for the conduct of Japan's foreign policy.

Further deliberations of the Japanese Cabinet have been postponed till January 6 on account of the New Year celebrations. According to the papers, however, all members of the Cabinet are in readiness to meet any at any time should circumstances demand it.

It is stated in political circles that the programme of Prince Konoye relating to reorganisation of the Far East after termination of the war with China has received the full approbation of the existing provisional Governments in Northern and Central China as well as of the Governments of Inner Mongolia and Manchukuo. But at the same it is believed that Prince Konoye's extensive programme has not met with unreserved approval within the Cabinet itself and that critics of the programme will be eliminated on the occasion of reshuffling of the Cabinet.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbel's organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—*Reuter.*

LATE NEWS

EXTRALITY THREAT

Abolition Forecast By Puppet Chairman

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

The first open threat to liquidate foreign settlements and abolish extrality rights in Japanese occupied parts of China was made by Liang Hung-hih, Chairman of the Executive Yuan of the Reformed Government to-day in commenting on Prince Konoye's statement of December 22.

Liang declared that what Konoye expected of China was anti-Comintern and economic co-operation and promotion of friendly relations, including abolition of extrality and return of foreign settlements to China. The Reformed Government would do its part to help carry out the programme outlined in Konoye's statement, he said.—*Reuter.*

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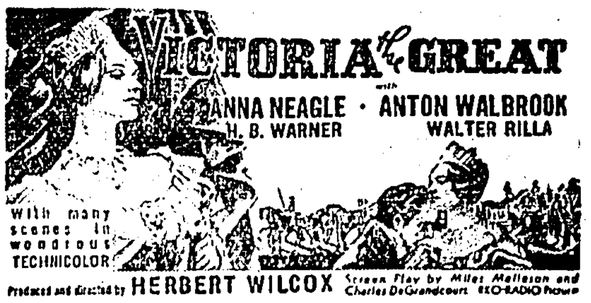

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Bitter Fighting In Spanish Civil War

INSURGENTS REPULSED, BARCELONA CLAIMS

Sixth Day of Franco's Drive

CERVERA, DEC. 28.

FIRST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE INDICATED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN THROWN BACK WITH CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES.

Below-zero temperatures continued to hamper the attackers' movements, and the frozen plains impeded armoured car attacks, the cars rolling like hummocks over No-Man's Land.

There is little outwardly noticeable change in the situation behind the lines. With constant air alarms and bombardments the villages are now virtually empty.

According to a Hendaye report 300 Insurgent warplanes bombed and machine-gunned the fortified Loyalist base of Artesa de Segre, while Navarrese and Galician columns advanced towards the town in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

Franco's forces are reported to be advancing on the vital town of Aloso de Balaguer from the snow-packed Montsech mountains.

The Loyalist Government at Barcelona admitted that a grim struggle is under way on the southern bank of the Segre for possession of Artesa de Segre. The Government stated that 300 German and Italian planes are constantly bombing and machine-gunning the Catalonian fortifications. The Loyalists claim that three planes were brought down by rifle fire.

The Loyalists are heavily outnumbered in the Artesa zone, and are reported to be mobilising additional troops at Barcelona, Falset, Tarragona and Reus, and rushing them to the front in special trains.—*United Press.*

CATALAN DRIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 28.

An official Loyalist communique admits that the Insurgents have advanced slightly in the sector at Solera, north-east of Borjas Blancas and Aspa, but claims that they paid heavily for the advances.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the Insurgents captured the remainder of the Montsech Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meya, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hammamet.

North of Balaguer, the Insurgents captured the villages of Alos de Balaguor and Masana.

Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the Insurgents have captured the village of Soleras, south of Torre-

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TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

COLONY-WAICHOW HIGHWAY TO REOPEN

THE EXTENT of the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the East River area in Kwangtung is indicated by reports this morning that motor communication will re-open between Hongkong and Waichow.

Waichow, one of the largest of the East River cities, was recaptured from the Japanese on December 9.

Since then, the Japanese have been entirely cleared from the area between Hongkong and Canton south of the former Kwangtung capital, with the exception of the Pearl River strip protected by their gunboats.

Road traffic between Hongkong and Waichow will be resumed as soon as the highway bridges, which were blown up by the Chinese shortly after the Japanese landing in Bias Bay, are repaired.

Bus services have already resumed between Shum Chun, the border city, and Lungkong, seventeen miles northwards.

Large number of war refugees from Hongkong utilised the buses yesterday to return to their homes in Kwangtung.

It is expected that the highways between Hongkong, Tamshui and Waichow will be open for traffic within three weeks.

Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workless requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.—*Trans-Ocean.*

TURKISH MINISTERS RESIGN

Ankara, Dec. 28.

It is officially announced that the Turkish Minister for Education, and the Minister for Economics have resigned because of ill health.—*Trans-Ocean.*

France Sells Out Munitions Shares

Prague, Dec. 28.

As an indication of the changed situation in Central Europe, the French group closely connected with the Schneider-Creuzot Works, which held the majority of the Skoda Works shares, have sold their holdings to a Czecho-Slovak group representing the Czecho-Slovak Government.

The management of the Skoda Works had been formally in Czech hands, but until October the French had their representatives in the administration and the management. Director Rochette was recalled four weeks ago.

Close co-operation had existed between the Schneider-Creuzot and Skoda works with regard to commercial, as well as technical organisation.—*Trans-Ocean.*

AUSTRALIA SWELTERS

PERTH, Dec. 28.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA and New South Wales are sweltering in an unprecedented heat-wave.

The temperature at Perth to-day was 116 degrees Fahrenheit, while in country places in both states the thermometer soared to 119.—United Press.

Big Drop In China's Customs Revenue

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.

FOLLOWING THE FALL of Canton and Hankow, the Chinese Government has lost 34 per cent. of maritime customs earnings throughout China, according to statistics released by the Maritime Customs authorities in connection with China's trade returns for November, this year.

During November, the total proceeds from maritime customs throughout China amounted to 23,300,000 Yuan showing a decrease of 3,000,000 Yuan from October.

The custom earnings registered by the Shanghai Maritime Customs during November totalled 9,900,000 Yuan, which represents 44 per cent. of the whole income in China and which contrasts to 9,700,000 Yuan for October.

The income gained by the stations still under the National Government during November was 16 per cent. of China's total revenue, showing a decrease of 16 per cent. from the previous month. During October the customs income through the Japanese-occupied areas occupied 63 per cent. of the total earnings in China, but in November they accounted for 24 per cent. of the total revenues in the country.

Two major stations in the areas still held by the Chinese Government are Foochow and Swatow.—*Domei.*

Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation," and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted.

They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who caused the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants.

The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Proswita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Belgian Royalty's Vacation in France

Paris, Dec. 28.

King Leopold of the Belgians and the Queen Mother arrived this morning by express at Cote Dazur.

They will stay for a fortnight at Beaulieu-Sur-Mer.—*Trans-Ocean.*

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

BEIRUT, Dec. 28.

A TORPEDO-BOAT of the Levant naval division has been ordered to proceed to Djibouti, ahead of the gunboat Dibetville, which was also ordered to Djibouti yesterday.—*Reuter.*

THE "MOTHER OF CHINA'S GUERILLAS" IN HONGKONG

THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerillas, Madame Chao Yu-tang, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerillas operating throughout China.

MOBILISATION ON FULL WAR FOOTING

TOKYO, Dec. 28.

PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividend will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—*Domei.*

DARING S'HAI COUP BY BANDIT GANG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.

VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATING the extent to which armed crime has increased in the western boundaries of the International Settlement, fringing the Japanese-controlled areas in recent weeks, there occurred yesterday a daring hold-up, almost unprecedented in the history of Shanghai.

A line of seven cars, containing a party of 15 American and British men and women was stopped near the Columbia Country Club within the Settlement perimeter by a band of about eight armed bandits, flourishing pistols, who had parked their own car across the road.

The party was forced to dismount and were relieved of their watches, rings and wallets to the value of approximately 1,000 Chinese dollars.

The gang, who were reported to be well-dressed, made a clean escape, and despite the early arrival of the

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LATEST

Tientsin Assassin Kills Taipan

Tientsin, Dec. 28.

A Chinese gunman in French Concession to-day fired three shots point-blank at Wang Chu-lin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as he stood outside of a cafe, and killed him.

The assassin escaped.

The dead man was a prominent Tientsin industrialist.—*United Press.*

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SCHOOL-GIRL LAUNCHES H.K. SHIP

Penelope Dodwell, 10-year-old daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell, launching a new waterboat for the Union Waterboat Company at Kowloon Docks yesterday.

10 CHINCHILLAS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD

CONTENTEDLY nibbling peanuts and grain within a stone's throw of historic Caister Castle, near Great Yarmouth, are ten grey-furred little creatures, each worth its weight in gold.

They are chinchillas, brought from the South American Andes by plane, steamer and train to start the only chinchilla farm in Great Britain.

The export of chinchillas from their native soil had at one time reached 400,000 skins.

Now, through the demands of fashion and other causes, there are fewer than 2,000 of them in the whole world.

Owner of the ten "pioneers" of the English industry—which represents an attempt to break what is almost a U.S.A. monopoly—is Mr. Fletcher Robert, a New Zealander, of Caister Road, Great Yarmouth.

His belief that the chinchilla will thrive in the Norfolk air has already been justified by the arrival of four healthy offspring. More are expected.

FIRST IN BRITAIN

"With less than average luck," Mr. Robert said, "each pair should in five years multiply to 60."

The "babies" are the first born in Britain, where it was formerly believed impossible for them to breed.

"I believe we shall have better chinchillas even than in America," declared Mr. Robert.

The chinchilla's fur is the most expensive in the world. A coat made from about 120 pelts would cost £20,000; most of the few coats in England to-day are heirlooms.

So serious became the problem of the disappearance of the little animal that the Governments of Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia once passed laws prohibiting export and trapping on pain of the loss of a hand for the first offence and death for the second.

Ran Down Line to Save Express

WITH an express train due in a few seconds, Signalman Foulkes, of Stramshall (Staffs), recently saw a heavy motor-lorry crash through the closed gates of a crossing near Uttoxeter and swing round on to the lines.

The signals were set clear for the express.

Foulkes pulled them off and, dashing down the steps of his cabin, raced along the line.

He had had no time to snatch up a red flag. Instead, he waved his arms as he ran.

ALMOST TOUCHING

He was seen by the driver of the express.

The train slackened speed and came to a halt, its buffers almost touching the lorry.

The driver of the lorry, H. Hall, of Haylers End, Worcester, said the prompt action of the signalman prevented a disaster as there was not a second to be lost.

Mr. Fred Foulkes, a married man of 44, with two children, has worked at the Hockley Crossing box for 10 years.

"IN THE DAY'S WORK"

Mr. Foulkes said: "I pulled the signals to danger and grabbed the first thing I saw, a warning detonator, and dashed out of the box along the line. I had no time to use the detonator, but I waved my arms and shouted as I ran.

"The express was now only 100 yards away but the driver saw me and did everything to stop. He pulled up within a few yards of the lorry just as the driver was getting out of the cab.

"The lorry-driver would certainly have been killed if I hadn't been able to stop the train. However, I look on this as part of the day's work—it is what we are paid for by the company.

"I've seen several similar accidents at this point but never such a narrow escape before."

Girl's Breach Warning

Belfast.

"Every girl longs for romance, but to choose a husband through a matrimonial advertisements is a leap in the dark. I am glad I have won and been vindicated. But my unhappy experience will be a warning to other girls."

Twenty-two-year-old Miss Annie Smith, of Gate Lodge, Prehen-road, Londonderry, gave this warning recently to love-struck girls.

She was awarded £400 damages in the Ulster High Court here for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Robert Boyd, of Dundonald, Belfast.

Miss Smith told the under-sheriff and jury that she answered an advertisement for a wife two years ago in a Belfast newspaper.

She received a reply from Mr. Boyd, who was found to be a married man with two children.

She went away with him for weekends, she said, and relied on his assertions that his intentions were honourable. Later a child was born.

DOCTOR'S MENTAL BOARDERS £45 FINE

For keeping persons of unsound mind in an unlicensed house, a former assistant medical officer of health had to pay fines and costs totalling £60 at Bournemouth recently.

There were summonses relating to three people against Dr. William Vere Taylor Styles, of Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth. He was fined £15 on each and ordered to pay £15 costs.

Mr. H. J. Parham, prosecuting, said Dr. Styles had various persons living with him, including the three mentioned in the summonses. It was alleged that payments were made to Dr. Styles by relatives. The house was not licensed.

Two doctors said in evidence that under an order of the Lord Chancellor they visited Dr. Styles's premises and examined the three patients, who, in their opinion, were certifiable as of unsound mind.

Dr. Styles pleaded not guilty, and Mr. J. Amphlett (defending), submitted that the nursing home did not belong to Dr. Styles but to his wife, and that the patients were not lunatics.

He said Dr. Styles was made bankrupt in 1936 and was still undischarged.

The only connection the doctor had with the nursing home was that he occasionally gave advice to his wife. Mrs. Styles relied on the doctors who sent patients to her and she could not very well turn round and say that a patient was a lunatic.

Doctors who sent the three patients to the nursing home said in evidence that in their opinion, they were not of unsound mind.

Pedigree Fails Cat

Saint John, N.B.

Emery Colwell, poultry fancier, was justified in killing a prize-winning cat, owned by neighbour Edward Craig, when he found it stealing a chicken. That was Magistrate G. Earle Logan's decision.

O.B.E. Medal For Dead Brothers

Two brothers, Edward and James Letch, Dunholme Road, Edmonton, burnt to death in the Edmonton air disaster last September, have been posthumously awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire for their gallantry in trying to save the pilot of the burning R.A.F. plane.

The announcement was made recently.

It was on a Sunday when most of the families in Dunholme Road were at their midday meal that the disaster occurred.

The Letch brothers, who were returning home, rushed to rescue the pilot, Sergt. S. R. Morris. While they were tearing at the straps which held him to the wreckage of his cockpit the petrol tank exploded and fierce flames shot out.

Both brothers were soaked in petrol and in a few seconds were in flames. Edward, who was 20, died almost as soon as he reached hospital and James (24) died early the next day. The charred body of the pilot was later recovered.

Bishop Offers To Mediate To Save Divorces

THE Bishop of Armidale (the Right Rev. J. S. Moyes) has offered himself as mediator in any home in his diocese in which divorce proceedings are contemplated.

His reconciliation offer is contained in a letter to his parishioners published in the Armidale Diocesan News.

His desire, he says, is to keep people away from the Divorce Court.

Bishop Moyes is the leader on social questions in the Anglican Church.

He is chairman of the social questions committee of the Australian General Synod.

"Divorce in the home, like war among nations, is an acknowledgment of the bankruptcy of our higher life," he said.

"Before going to the Divorce Court, every effort to effect reconciliation should be made.

"As Bishop, as a partner in marriage for 30 years, and as missioner for 20 years, I offer to help at reconciliation in any home where husband and wife are drifting apart.

"A home made is a contribution to the nation.

"Rifts which break up homes might be stopped if attempts at reconciliation are made in the early stages.

"In physical ills people go to their doctor," said Bishop Moyes.

"If they suffer from spiritual or psychological ills, there is no reason why they should not ask help from their spiritual physicians."

The tragedy of divorce, Bishop Moyes added, was the ease with which it could be obtained.

YEARS OF STOMACH AGONY

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The story of this woman at 67 will give new hope to thousands of stomach sufferers. "For years," writes Mrs. T. J. W., "I suffered untold agonies. I was afraid to eat and was constantly under the doctor. I was treated for Gastritis, Ulcers, Colic and Indigestion. One day I thought I would give Maclean Brand Stomach Powder a trial, and when I told my doctor I was taking it he said 'keep on with it!' I did, and I am thankful to say I am now completely cured and able to eat anything."

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John B. Galatis of Fairmount, Mo., father of five children, wants to pay off the mortgage on his home, remodel it and educate his children. But like a lot of us, he needs money. So he is willing to sell one of his eyes for $10,000. Above, his four-year-old daughter Vivian wonders how her daddy will look with one eye gone.

QUEEN'S AID WITH JIG-SAW PUZZLE

But Pieces Were Missing

WHEN the King and Queen spent over two hours in the East End recently they received one of the greatest welcomes of their reign.

First they went to the Queen's Hospital for Children, in Hackney Road, E., where they were received by Lord Lliffe, president of the hospital, and by the Mayors of Bethnal Green, Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington.

The Queen was dressed in black, with a high-brimmed black hat, and the King wore a black tie with his short black coat.

Lily Bruley and George Faulkner were playing in the Princess Elizabeth Ward with a jig-saw puzzle representing the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent when the royal party arrived. The Queen tried to fit one piece in.

BIT OF ANOTHER

"No, your Majesty, that bit belongs to another puzzle," explained Lily. "We've finished this one now."

The Queen asked why there were still some blank spaces left and Lily explained that some of the pieces had been lost.

At Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, the first of the universities settlements, the King and Queen were received by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the chairman) and Dr. J. J. Mallon (the warden). On the floodlit roof they watched girls playing basket ball.

In the canteen the King and Queen saw tea being served by the Toynbee Hall domestic staff to the workmen who built the new wing and their wives.

A FOURPENNY GRILL

"How much do you charge for meals?" the Queen asked Mrs. Boyd, who is organising the new canteen. "They can have a grill for fourpence," was the reply.

"And don't forget they get chip potatoes for that, too," said Dr. Mallon.

The Queen asked how it could be done so cheaply, and was told it was because the overhead expenses were very small.

Before they left the royal party watched men and women ballet dancers rehearsing in the new theatre. From the stage Dr. Mallon said that it was the first visit of a Sovereign to Toynbee Hall, and it would always be remembered.

NEW DANCE FOLLOWS LAMBETH WALK

The King's liking for the shanty "The Village Blacksmith" has inspired the new community dance "The Chestnut Tree," which is expected to succeed the Lambeth Walk. The dance was recently performed in public for the first time at a London dance hall and at 500 public dances throughout the country.

A song writer spent a day at the King's camp for boys at Southwold, Suffolk, and watched the King singing the song with the gestures.

The King stretched his arms ("spreading"), touched his chest and head (chestnut), then flung up his arms to indicate a tall tree. From this Miss Adele England arranged a ballroom dance routine. Dancers are supposed to sing "The Village Blacksmith" in dance time with emphasis on "Under the spreading chestnut tree."

Mr. C. L. Hlemann, who launched the ballroom version of the Lambeth Walk, says: "The Chestnut Tree will outshine everything." The King and Queen did the Lambeth Walk at the Ghillies' Ball at Balmoral last month.

The Chestnut Tree is to be televised shortly.

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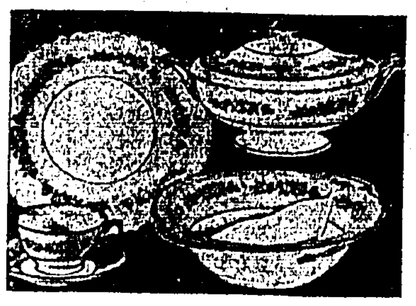

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EX-CITY CLERK AS "KING OF CHINA"

Made Fortune From Spain

BECAUSE, in two years, he has made a fortune running ships to Spain, Mr. Jack Albert Billmeir, 37-years-old London shipowner, is called "The King of Spain" in the City. Now he may soon be called "The King of China" too.

His fleet of 22 British-registered ships is now being used to take arms and food supplies for the Chinese Government as well as for the Spanish Government.

Recently 6,000 tons of arms and ammunition were unloaded from his steamer Stanhall at Rangoon, Burma.

The arms, which come from the Soviet Union, will be transported to China by barges and special convoys of lorries.

The Stanhall, which is owned by the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., of which Mr. Billmeir is principal shareholder, has for the past two years been engaged on Spanish war trade.

She arrived off Rangoon, and lay outside the harbour strongly guarded, waiting for permission to unload.

While Burmese officials were wondering yesterday whether the unloading of the arms might cause international complications, Mr. Billmeir was spending a quiet week-end out of town.

"I'm not going to say where he is," his secretary said. "We want no publicity at all."

HIS BIG CHANCE

Jack Billmeir's rise to one of the strongest places in British shipping has been meteoric. He was a shipbrokers' clerk, and the Stanhope Steamship Company, Ltd., with their two ships, were almost unknown.

Then war broke out in Spain. Quickly, Billmeir, who is plump, reserved, and wears pince-nez, gained control, and in two years increased the fleet to 22 vessels.

While trading in the Mediterranean several of his ships have been bombed and shelled. He featured in the storms of protest which followed the attacks on tre British flag.

He owns an unpretentious villa named Lamorna in Stanhope-road, Hornsey. Almost every one of his ships has a name beginning with "Stan," after the quiet Hornsey road where he has lived for many years.

Now he has bought a large house in Bishop-avenue, East Finchley, and a large country residence near Whitstable, Kent. Bishops-avenue is called "Millionaires' Avenue" locally because so many rich men live there.

"MADE A MILLION"

Many rival shipowners say that Billmeir made nearly a million pounds in Spanish war trade.

But prohibitive insurance charges, low cargo rates, and heavy risks of shelling by General Franco's gunboats and aeroplanes have cut down the "big money" that was to be made.

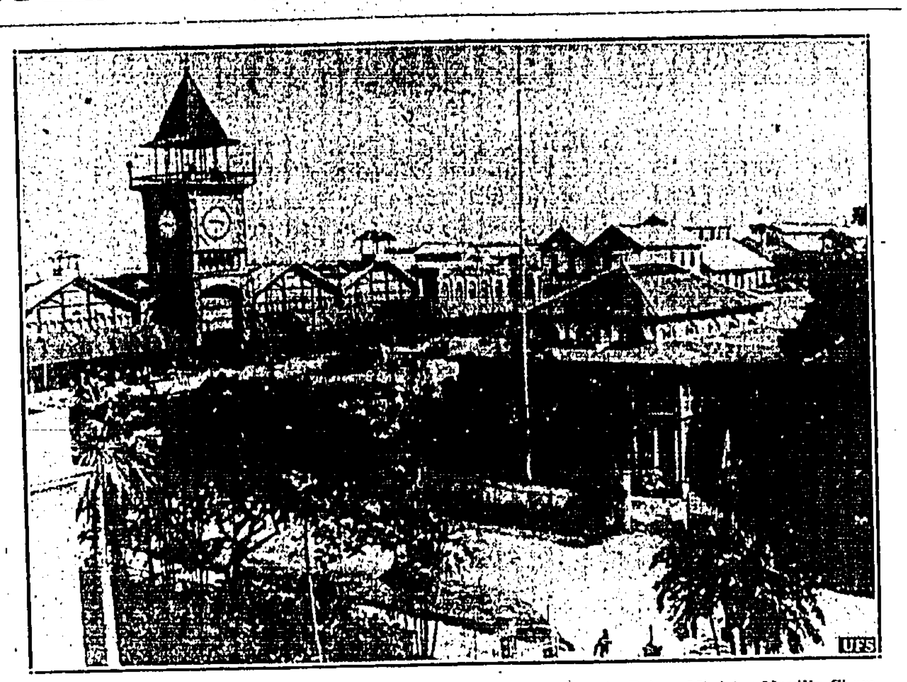
Owners of the 140 British-registered ships trading to Spain are beginning to look elsewhere.

Imported Eggs Kill A Girl

South Shields, (Durham).

A germ from imported duck eggs caused the death of twelve-year-old Veronica Hudson, of Livingstone-street, South Shields, it was revealed at the inquest in South Shields recently.

Veronica died on November 8, and the following day her father, mother and two brothers were taken in hospital. They have since recovered.



If new surveys of British Guiana prove promising, according to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Britain will lease 10,000 square miles "on generous terms" to Jewish refugees from Germany. This is a view of Stabrock Market in Georgetown, capital city. British Guiana's principal products are rice, coffee, coconuts, diamonds and rum.

MOTHER NOT SURE WHICH IS WHICH

DENHAM (Bucks).

TONY and Monty Maling, eleven-year-old twins, are so alike that their mother, Mrs. Beatrice Maling, uncertain which is really Monty and which Tony, recently asked the Rev. W. Allan, curate of Denham, if she could have them rebaptised.

She believes that after their first baptism, when they were babies, Tony may have become Monty, and Monty Tony.

Mr. Allan told her he did not think it was possible by the orthodox law of the Church of England for a child to receive a second baptism.

Mrs. Maling said at her home in New Denham - road, Denham: "They're getting more difficult to tell apart as they grow older. I don't know what will happen when they start taking the girls out, or if somebody leaves one of them some money.

"Of course, they've each known themselves by the same name for years now...And my instinct tells me which is Tony and which is Monty. But this is how I think they may have got mixed.

"When they were babies I had a blue ribbon on Tony and a pink ribbon on Monty. But when they were four months old we took the ribbons off, and engaged a girl to take them out in the pram and put them to bed.

"Tony always had the top end of the pram and the right half of the bed. But the girl couldn't tell which was which. I think she may have muddled them.

"Connie, their little sister, and I are the only people who can tell them apart. My husband can't. He's given up trying. He's always calling them by the wrong names."

Girl Tenor Dies In Hollywood

Ruby Helder, the little girl with the man's voice, who sang on the radio some years ago, has died in Hollywood.

Bristol was her home town. Santley heard her sing and gave her lessons for seven years.

A Vienna throat specialist said her larynx was heavier than the ordinary woman's.

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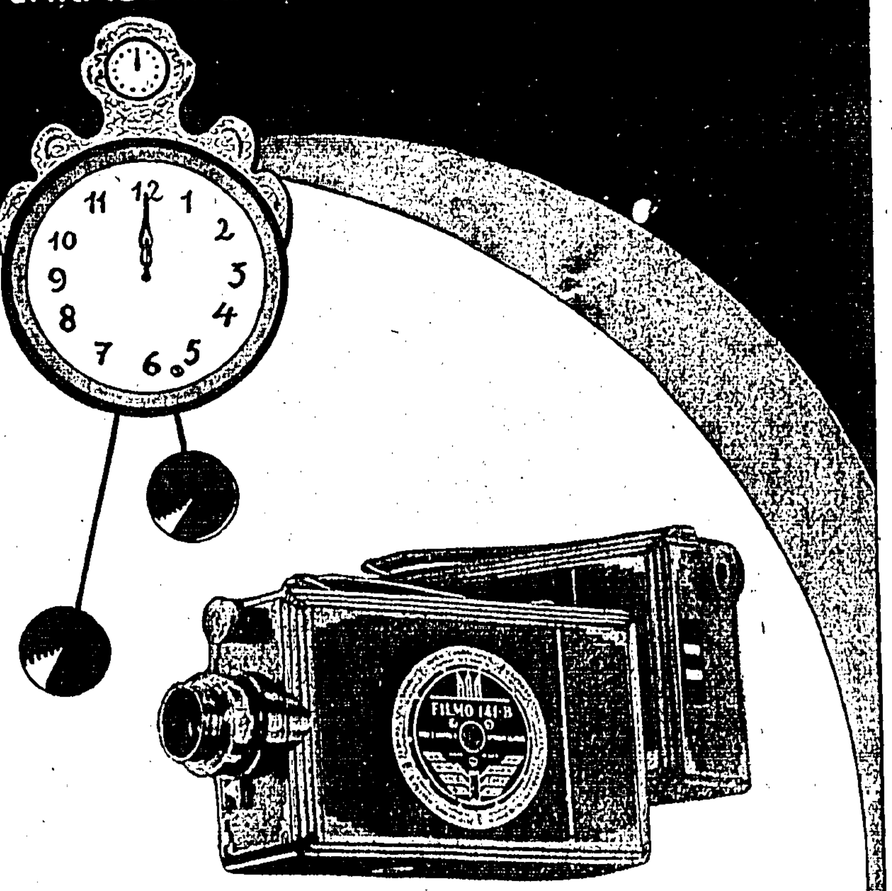

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INSURGENTS REPULSED BARCELONA CLAIMS

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beses, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albages.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS

Burgos reports state that the Insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowstorm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,600 metres. Insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Flix, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in to-day's engagement.

Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the Insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days have slightly improved their positions north of Montsech. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for a counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort.

Fighting is still continuing with the Insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Hendaye message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT

Insurgent despatches claim continued successes on the 60-mile front which is gradually shaping itself into a huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona.

As the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of Cervera, which is almost in the heart of Catalonia, was General Franco's immediate objective.

Despatches also state that the northern wing of Franco's army of 300,000, had swept across the Montsech mountain range, south-east of Tremp and had captured the villages of Balaguer and Masana, and had prepared to attack Artesa de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Franco's southern wing is reported to be only 30 miles from Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast, and 54 miles from Barcelona, but the forces are heading north to join the northern wing, probably at Cervera.

The object of the drive apparently is to cut off a large slice of Catalonian territory in a scissors movement, and then to press eastward towards the coast.—*United Press.*

GERMAN REPORT

Bilbao, Dec. 28.

The Christmas offensive by General Franco has yielded the following results after four days of battle, says an Insurgent report:

An advance of 18 miles in depth, 6,721 prisoners, and more than 9,000 Loyalist casualties; 32 Loyalist planes were shot down, and another eight are believed to have been destroyed.

The entire region south of Lerida to the Ebro bank near Flix is cleared of Loyalists.

Insurgent infantry is advancing irresistibly.

The defence of the Loyalists is weaker than expected, apparently as a result of heavy losses suffered during the Ebro battle.

The Insurgent advance is now endangering Loyalist communications on the southern Ebro front, and with regard to Lerida.

The retreat of Loyalist forces there seems to be unavoidable in order to escape from encirclement.—*Trans-Ocean.*

HUGE INSURGENT GAINS

Burgos, Dec. 28.

The Insurgent offensive in Catalonia has so far resulted in the Insurgent occupation of 400 square miles of territory, the capture of 7,500 prisoners, and hundreds of tons of material, together with 30 aeroplanes.

The Loyalists are reported to be moving up battalion after battalion to fill the gaps in their ranks.

In the Seroz zone, the Insurgents estimate that a Loyalist army corps must have been practically wiped out.

Two triangular wedges which the Insurgents have thrust into the Loyalist defences in western Catalonia are being driven deeper daily. Already road arteries feeding the Loyalist main defences at Seodeurgel, and before the towns of Lerida and Balaguer are dangerously threatened.

With good weather and easier country, the Insurgent forces are driving in a southern wedge with Seros Fayon as their base. So far they have made very quick progress, but the advance here has somewhat slowed down at the foot of the hills bordering north Tarragona province.

Insurgent forces entered the outskirts of the town of Granadella at midday to-day.

The northern Insurgent wedge, with its base between Tremp and the confluence of the Noguera and Segre rivers, is progressing somewhat slowly owing to the mountainous country, while temperatures have been as low as 10 degrees below zero. Nevertheless, the capture at the point of the bayonet of Capdela Sierra, an important road junction, has enabled the Insurgents to advance between Tremp and Balaguer.—*Reuter.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 2nd January, 1939. (The First week-day in January).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1938.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
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December 22, 1938.

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R. OHL.
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

DARING S'HAI COUP BY BANDIT GANG

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Settlement police, none has been apprehended.

The party is known to have included at least three Britons, Mr. J. H. Ford and Mrs. Innes of the A.P.C., and Mrs. Innes, as well as two American doctors, Dr. T. B. Dunn and Dr. D. J. Collins.

Although hold-ups of Chinese are a daily occurence, yesterday's affair involving foreigners is the first case of this kind for many years.—*Reuter.*

SEVEN CARS HELD UP

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

A sensational armed robbery, in which the victims were foreigners, occurred in Shanghai to-night.

Seven motor cars, whose 15 occupants were mostly Americans, were held up by five armed robbers, believed to be Chinese.

The party, who were on their way back from a visit to the American Columbia Country Club, situated in the western area of Shanghai, were robbed of all their money and jewelry.

The bandits, who were armed with mauser pistols, afterwards boarded a waiting motor car and made good their escape.

The outrage occurred at a spot lying between the territories controlled by the Japanese, and the International Settlement. — *Trans-Reuter.*

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.

Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been convicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West £240,000.—*Reuter.*

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Colonel Irwin will assume the temporary rank of Brigadier in his new appointment.

Colonel Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, M.C., D.S.O., was born in India on Christmas Eve forty-six years ago. Educated at Marlborough College, he later went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Essex Regiment in 1912. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the Border Regiment in 1927, and was a Brevet Lieut-Colonel in 1931.

He served in France with the Battalion from August, 1914, and commanded the 2nd. Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918. He also commanded the 8th Batt. the Leicester Regiment in 1918 and from 1918 to the following year commanded the 1st Batt. the Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was temporary Colonel Sub-Area Commandant in France in 1919, and during his service there he was awarded the D.S.O., and two Bars, the M.C., and the Croix de Guerre, and was also mentioned five times in despatches.

He was at the Staff College from 1924 to 1925, and served with the General Staff on the Rhine from 1926 to 1927. He was in India from 1929 to 1933 and from 1933 to 1936 was Chief Instructor, R. M. C. Sandhurst. He was at the Imperial College in 1936, and was promoted to Colonel the following year, when he took up his appointment in Hongkong as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

At one time he was a brilliant hockey player, and played both for his battalion and the Army. For three years he was a member of the Marlborough College Shooting VIII and one year was captain of the team.

NEW SHANGHAI COMMANDER

"Reuter" also confirms the report published in the "Telegraph" yesterday that Colonel F. K. Simmons has been promoted from the General Staff in Palestine to command the Shanghai Area, with the temporary rank of Brigadier.

Lieut-Colonel Frank Keith Simmons, M.V.O., M.B.E., M.C., of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1888. He was educated at Cranbrook School and served in the European War, being awarded the M.V.O., M.C., and Croix de Guerre.

Subsequently he became military attache at Madrid, serving in this capacity from 1928 to 1931.

He was appointed a temporary commander of the Southern Brigade (Palestine) in 1936.

COL. IRWIN

Italian Princess To Wed Soon

Rome, Dec. 28.

The wedding of the youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, Princess Maria of Savoy, with Prince Louis of Bourbon, will, it is announced, take place on January 15.

The bridegroom, who is 39 years of age, is the son of the late Duke Robert of Parma, by the latter's second marriage. His mother is the Infanta Maria Antonia of Portugal, and one of his sister is the ex-Empress Zita of Austria.

The bride is 24 years of age.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Russo-Japanese Parleys To Resume

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia regarding the renewal of the fisheries convention will be resumed next year, according to an agreement reached in Moscow, says the semi-official Japanese news agency.

The report adds that it is hoped that before the beginning of the new fishing season, the basis of a treaty in the form of a *modus vivendi* will be found, safeguarding Japanese fishing rights in Bering, Okhotsk and the Japan seas.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2 7/8
Demand	1s. 2 7/8
T.T. Shanghai	172 Nom.
T.T. Singapore	53 1/4
T.T. Japan	106 1/4
T.T. India	83
T.T. U.S.A.	28 7/8
T.T. Manila	57 7/8
T.T. Batavia	53 7/8
T.T. Bangkok	149 3/4
T.T. Saigon	109
T.T. France	10.00
T.T. Germany	71 7/8
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/8
4 m/s D/p do.	1/3.5/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	29 7/8
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.00 5/8

Eire Premier To Visit America

Dublin, Dec. 28.

Mr. Eamon De Valera, the Irish Premier, will arrive in Washington on May 6 next year, and stay there one day as guest of President Roosevelt at the White House, it was officially announced to-day.

Mr. D. Valera will then spend several days in New York, and will probably open the Irish Pavilion at the World Exhibition.—*Trans-Ocean.*

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 28.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Jan. (1939) ..	8.25/24	8.40/43
Mar. (1939) ..	8.30/35	8.46/47
May (1939) ..	8.15/14	8.27/26
July (1939) ..	7.87/86	8.00/00
Oct. (1939) ..	7.54/54	7.68/68
Dec. (1939) ..	7.57/57	7.71 N
Spot		8.91 N

New York Rubber

Mar. (1939) ..	16.55/56	16.53/53
May	16.48/49	16.40b/43a
Sept.	——	16.40b/45a
Oct.	——	16.40 A

Sales for the day:—860 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	68/68 1/4	68 1/2/68 5/8
July	68/68 1/8	68 1/4/68 3/8
Sept.	——	69/69

Tuesday's Sales:— 12,998,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

May	52 5/8/52 3/4	53/53
July	53 5/8/53 5/8	53 3/4/53 3/4
Sept.	——	54 3/4/54 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat

Dec.	——	61 1/2/61 5/8
May	62 7/8/63	63 1/8/63 1/4
July	63 1/2/63 3/8	63 5/8/63 5/8

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

After the rather prolonged holiday, the market opened unexpectedly steady, with the lower-priced stocks taking the lead in the enquiries. The session was too short for the market to get into its stride, but closes quite steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,375
Douglases $62
H.K. & K. Wharves $115
H.K. Docks (Old) $18 1/4
H.K. Docks (New) $17 1/4
Providents (Old) $6.35
Providents (New) $6.15
H. & S. Hotels $6.60
H.K. Lands $30
H.K. Realties $5
H.K. Tramways $17.10
China Lights $9 1/2
Watsons $7.45
Entertainments $6.00
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par.

Sellers

Hongkong Bank $1,400
China Underwriters $0.70
Providents (New) $6.20
H. & S. Hotels $6 3/4
Humphreys $9
Yaumati Ferries (Old) $22 1/2
China Lights $9.70
H.K. Electrics $57 1/2
Sandakan Lights $10.60
Cements $15 1/2
Dairy Farms $24 1/2
Lane, Crawfords $8
Constructions $1 1/2

Sales

H.K. Tramways $17.20
Watsons $7.45
Antamoks Pts. .51
Benguet Consolidated 14.30
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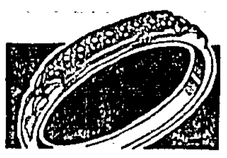

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Shanghai	Boissevain	December 29.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kanchow	December 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 29.
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 29.
Amoy	Talma	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Shanghai	M/V Nanking	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31.
Hoihow	Mulnam	December 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31.
Java	Tjisalak	December 31.
Straits	Aushun	January 1.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Saigon	Laos	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban.	La Plata Maru	Thurs., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Ursula Rickmers	Thurs Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang	....Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Hoihow	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Norviken	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29. K.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 29, 3 p.m. Ord. .....Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. .....Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29. K.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. .....Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. .....Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	..Thurs., Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Tientsin	Leesang	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow	Shantung	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 am.
Swatow	Kiangsu	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	.....Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m. Reg .....Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Terukuni Maru	.....Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. .....Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m. Ord., ...Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Papers for Straits and Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Talma	.....Fri., Dec. 30.
Parcels, ...Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.		Parcels, ...Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Papers .....Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	.....Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels, ...Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Reg., ...Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m. Ord., ...Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Menelaus	.....Fri., Dec. 30, 7 p.m.

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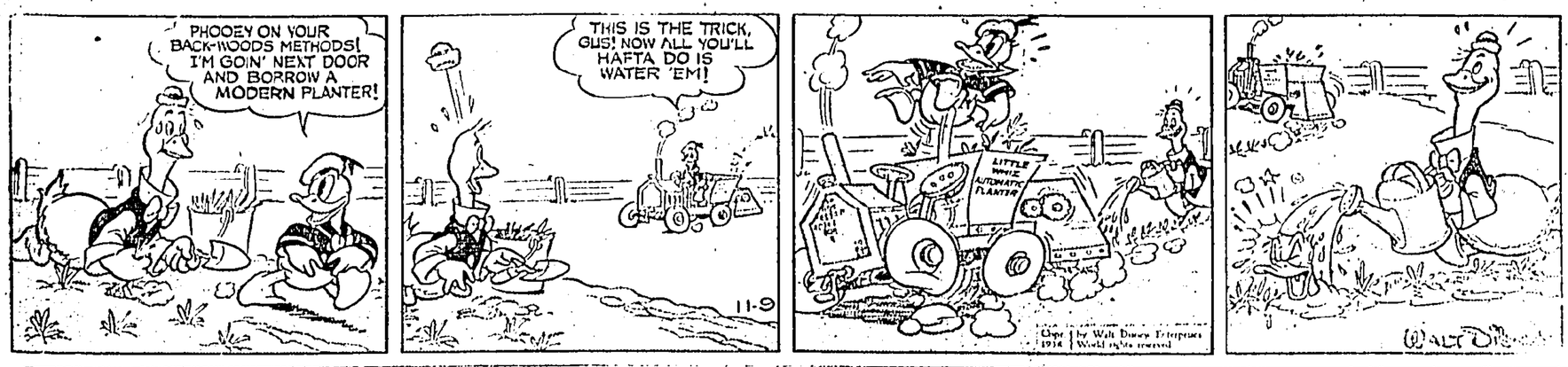

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DRIVER DISCHARGED

No Evidence of Going At Excessive Speed

A charge of driving without due care and caution against Tso Kam, licensed lorry driver, who it was alleged knocked down and killed a sixteen-year-old youth on November 29 in an attempt to avoid colliding with two others who had run out into Queen's Road Central, was dismissed by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the case was resumed.

Chief Inspector Saunders, of the Traffic Department, prosecuted, and Tso was defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

It will be remembered that at a previous hearing the charge was amended from the original one of dangerous driving, by Mr. R. Edwards, after the case for the prosecution had closed.

Defendant, it was alleged, was driving along Queen's Road on the night of November 29 when two boys ran out from under a verandah. In an attempt to avoid them, he swerved into a pillar, but knocked down a youth who was standing on the pavement.

Evidence of defendant's speed was given at the previous hearing by a Chinese witness who described himself as a marine hawker, and who said that defendant's lorry at the time of the accident was travelling "faster than a bus and slower than a motor car."

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Russ admitted that defendant had no case to answer because there was no evidence with regard to the speed defendant was said to have been travelling at.

Mr Houston held that there had been no evidence of defendant's lorry having travelled at an excessive speed, but remarked that the case had been properly brought by the Traffic Department. Mr. Houston remarked that there should always be an inquiry after a fatal accident.

BELIEVED DROWNED

Cyclist Who Rode Into The Harbour

Three young Chinese, Ho Cheung, 16, Ah Ki, 15, and Ah Yuen, 18, hired bicycles in Wanchai on Tuesday and went joy-riding. They rode along Gloucester Road, when Ah Yuen got too close to the edge on the north side, and losing control, went into the harbour. He was not seen again, and is believed to have been drowned.

The bicycle was later recovered by the police.

FALL FROM BUS

An Indian, A. Rahim, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital on Tuesday for treatment to injuries received when he was either knocked down or fell from a bus which he was attempting to board in Prince Edward Road. He suffered cuts to the head and face.

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Daring Hold-Up Of Lorry At Shaukiwan

The holding up of a motor lorry by six Chinese in Shaukiwan on November 5, had a sequel in the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Yiu Kim-kwong, 29, clerk, and Ho Ching-ling, 32, theatre attendant, were charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with having robbed (together with others not in custody) Chan Wun and Yeung Tit of 20 bags of wolfram ore, three baskets of eggs and three bags of duck feathers. Second accused was additionally charged with receiving the wolfram ore, knowing it to have been stolen.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. R. E. Farrell (Foreman), Chung Kum-chuen, Pun Yun-hoi, Anson Yao, A. Hussain, J. M. O. dos Remedios and Lo Ho-kee.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, said the case was remarkable for more than one reason. The crime was committed in broad daylight, and took place in a populous district in Shaukiwan. There were six men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and who pretended to be vested with all the authority which the police normally had. However, if the allegations of the Crown were true, two of these men had been brought to book and part of the property had been recovered.

Early on November 5 a junk arrived in Shaukiwan from San Mei with the goods, consigned to the Cheung Ching and Cheung Yik firms, of Wing Hing Street.

The masters of these shops were notified, and they detailed Chan Wun and Yeung Tit to go to Shaukiwan and collect the goods. Chan and Yeung engaged a motor lorry, and on arriving at Shaukiwan began to transfer the cargo to the vehicle. After this was done, Chan returned to the body of the lorry while Yeung sat next to the driver, but just as they were about to drive away six men came rushing up. They said they were police officers and were going to take the party to the Central Police Station.

Armed With Revolver

Although the men were not in uniform, both Chan and Yeung felt they had some authority, for the first accused was carrying a revolver and the second had a police whistle attached to a chain. The pseudo policemen boarded the lorry and on arriving at Taikoo Dock, the first accused gave instructions to stop, and then turned to Yeung and demanded money. The second prisoner, who was sitting in the body of the lorry, also got off and re-inforced the demand by saying "sui" (water), which was Chinese slang for money.

By this time, Yeung was more than suspicious that these men were not what they purported to be, and therefore although he had $80 on him he pretended he had no money. He went on to suggest that he be allowed to go to his shop to get it, and to give an air of truth to his story he asked the driver to lend him ten cents for his tram fare. This was done, and Yeung was allowed to go.

Immediately afterwards, the robbers gave instructions to the driver to continue towards Wanchai. Meanwhile, Yeung had boarded a tramcar and on looking back, saw the lorry following. After the lorry had passed, he got off and telephoned his master. He was told to report the matter at the Bay View Police Station, which he did.

Continuing, Mr. Whyatt said that when the lorry arrived opposite the Luk Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, the driver was again told to stop. The robbers then said they would take the goods to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, instead of Central, and accordingly the first accused engaged a motor-boat. Chan Wun, by this time, had become suspicious and he struggled to get away from the lorry. The robbers attempted to push him into the motor-boat, but he managed to escape and rush towards the No. 2 Police Station where he made a report.

Although the driver suddenly saw Chan run away, he did not seem to realise what it was all about, and he obeyed the orders of the robbers to drive to Murray Pier. When they got there, the robbers left the lorry and transferred the merchandise to a sampan. The driver asked the first accused for his fare, and received the reply that he was from Central Police Station. Nevertheless, the driver persisted in his demand, and eventually the first prisoner signed a chit for it.

Goods Traced

Reports having been made to the Police, enquiries were at once started, and the masters of the two shops went to the Vehicular Ferry wharf in an endeavour to trace the driver of the lorry. They succeeded, and in consequence of what he told them, they immediately engaged a motor-boat and crossed the harbour. Eventually they came across a lorry driver named Ho Ching, who would tell the Court that early that morning, whilst he was standing near the Kowloon Godowns in Canton Road, he was asked to take three baskets of eggs to 296 Shanghai Street. Ho went to this address, and found another lorry outside the place and eggs being loaded on to it.

Enquiries made later at the address disclosed that early that morning about five or six men came to the floor with several small bags of eggs and feathers. As these caused an obstruction, they were told to take them away, and about fifteen minutes later a lorry and a taxi-cab arrived and removed the goods.

All the wolfram ore dealers in Shamshuipo and Mongkok were visited, and in the Wing Cheung shop in Shamshuipo some foklo were found shifting bags of wolfram ore. In the cockloft, the second accused was discovered, and the owner of the shop, Chiu Kwok, said he had just purchased the wolfram ore from him. Accused did not say anything to this, but when the detective said he was making enquiries about a robbery in Shaukiwan, he admitted he did take part in a "squeeze."

Enquiries continued, and eventually the driver of the lorry which removed the merchandise from the address in Shanghai Street, was located. In consequence of what he said, the first prisoner was arrested in Kowloon City on November 12. He said a police reservist had asked him to follow him, but did not say he was going to rob.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. to-day.

HONGKONG'S MOST FAMOUS PIRATE

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Ma-chow Wong. There are some entries in Chinese of moneys received from or for Mr. Caldwell."

ALTHOUGH every effort was made by interested parties to prevent the case from being brought to Court, the evidence was such that it would have been highly injudicious to have made any further pretence of concealment. Consequently, Ma-chow Wong was tried at the September Criminal Sessions of 1857 for "confederating with pirates," and was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude at the prison settlement on the Island of Labuan near British North Borneo.

Mr. Caldwell was naturally grief-stricken at the course of events, but he still managed to be able to exert his influence so that his protege did not have to submit to the indignity of having his handsome queue docked, as was then the custom with Chinese prisoners in the gaol.

Finally, on November 13, 1858, Ma-chow Wong, in company with fifty-nine other convicted Chinese felons, was sent away from the Colony, and after being in Labuan for a couple of years, he once more came into the limelight as a result of acting as the ringleader of an attempted uprising in which it was planned to release all the prisoners and murder the European wardens and Indian guards.

However, one of the convicts got "cold feet," and, appalled by the callous slaughter of so many people that the successful perpetration of the murder-plot would entail, went to the Prison Superintendent on the eve of the attempt, and confessed everything. As a result, five years were added to Wong's sentence, and he was more closely watched than ever.

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THE years passed by, and gradually his spirit came to be broken. At length in 1869, Sir John Pope Hennessy (who subsequently become Governor of Hongkong) and Mr. J. R. Howard, the Superintendent of Convicts at Labuan, prevailed upon the Home Government to award him a free pardon. Upon this being granted he returned to the Colony, whence he had been sent away more than ten years before. Immediately on his arrival here, he was arrested, but upon presenting his discharge papers from Labuan he was released, and was permitted to take up his residence here again. However, he found things vastly changed. Piracy was no more. The administration of Sir Hercules Robinson had effectively cleared up the augean-like corruption of the previous decade, and his erstwhile protector and business associate, Mr. D. R. Caldwell was now living in retirement at his residence in Hollywood Road.

Wong thought of proceeding to Canton, and when he did so he was welcomed by the Imperial officials, who offered him a commission and a mandarin's button of the fifth rank, if he would consent to serve the Chinese Government in a military capacity.

Sadly, however, he refused this tempting offer, and returned once more to Hongkong. All he wanted now was to end his days in peace and tranquillity under the flag of the nation which had treated him so generously. He had now become a thoroughly reformed man, and thought only of atoning for his past misdeeds. The Chinese Government never entirely forgot him, and during the war with France in 1884, it again offered him a military commission if he would serve the cause.

Once more, Wong refused, stating that he was too old to think of honours. Although poverty was now his lot, he was far happier than he had ever been. Besides, it would not be long before he would be called to join the souls of his departed ancestors.

The old ex-pirate survived until the year 1892. His passing was the last link which bound the modern Colony to the turbulent, tumultuous days of that older Hongkong which now exists only as an unpleasant memory.

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8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

3. Intermezzo (Jessel); 4. Boston Waltz (Weber); Interval Nuit D'Espagne (from 'Scenes Pittoresques'—Massenet) ....Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano; 5. L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1 (Bizet).

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10.05 Egon Petri at the Piano.

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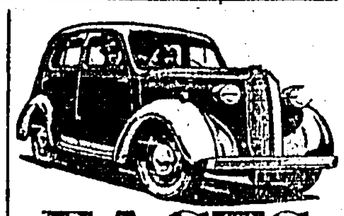

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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

They had been arguing (it was 1832) over a little matter connected with a bill for grain, and the conversation had become heated.

There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

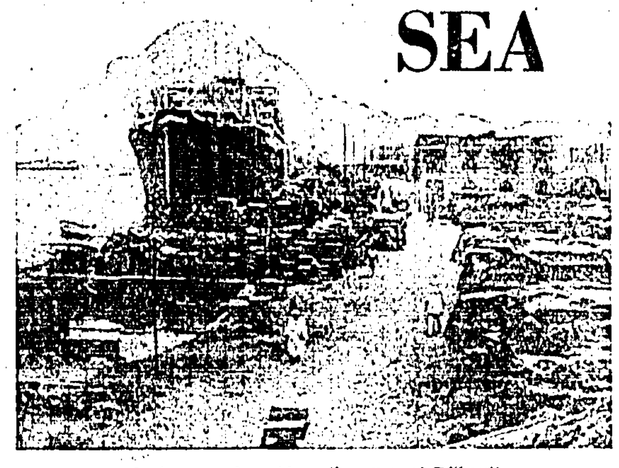
Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA



A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of French Somaliland, and Massawa, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at daybreak on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dawn like a threat and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

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Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

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Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-featured and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncongenial, unfruitful soil.

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Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

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Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabancs brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wildness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tells of

Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea: memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the *rendezvous* for as bloodthirsty a lot of fierce sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

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ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

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YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small-fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody; for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy by presenting his sister in marriage to him.

Needless to say that by the advent of the 'fifties, Wong was securely ensconced in his position as a local buccaneer. His fleet of swift, piratical lorchas, manned by trusty crews ensured for him a steady stream of loot, so that his warehouse on the Praya was always full. Not even Jean Lafitte, the most successful pirate of the Louisiana coast, was more fortunate than he; for his shop in Queen's Road provided the most effective cloak for the concealment of his real activities. What is more, the infinite variety, and the remarkably low prices of his goods, proved unusually attractive, and under such circumstances the business of Wong and Co. flourished.

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IN the meantime, he had become known throughout the Colony not only as a prosperous merchant and ship-owner, but also as a suspected Imperial spy on behalf of the Chinese Government. That he was especially loyal to the Manchu cause is shown by the preferential treatment accorded to him in later years, but that is another episode in his life.

Singularly enough, the phenomenal prosperity of Ma-chow Wong lasted for only seven years, and then the wheel of fortune suddenly ceased to turn any longer in his favour.

Ignominy, too, was to be his lot, and it all came about through the accidental arrest of a young American, who was later proven to be none other than Eli Boggs, the pirate. This man was in due course convicted of his crimes, and while awaiting deportation to America, in the course of a conversation with his gaolers, he related a strange tale of how he had seen the ostensibly respectable Chinese merchant Ma-chow Wong on previous piratical forays, and how he (Wong) had directed the operations which led to the capture of a certain vessel and the seizure of her cargo of sugar, and the murder of many of her crew. Such statements as these were at first regarded as highly improbable, but on being further investigated, the truth was elicited; and Ma-chow Wong was brought under arrest. In connection with the case, Mr. Charles May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr. A. L. Inglis; the Governor of Victoria Gaol issued the following amazing summary of the affair:

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers *in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of.*

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MURDER TRIAL BAN ON EVIDENCE ABOUT WIDOW

Doctor's Test Of 257 Bottles

EVIDENCE relating to the widow was ruled out by Mr. Justice Asquith when the Temple Chambers murder trial was resumed at the Old Bailey recently.

Horace Budd, 29-year-old engineer, of Hornchurch (Essex), is charged with the murder of Francis Cyril Newlands (40), steward of a block of flats and offices at the Chambers.

The prosecution alleges that Newlands was poisoned by spirits of salts diluted with whisky.

On the day Newlands became ill Budd was said to have taken to the flat some spirits of salts in a black whisky bottle for use in soldering two tea urns.

According to the prosecution the bottle disappeared and had not been found.

HAD A "SWIG"

Dr. Owen John Patrick Bollon, who was called to see Newlands early on August 21, said that Budd produced a bottle almost immediately, telling him that Newlands had been taken suddenly ill and had had a "swig" from the bottle.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, was about to question the doctor regarding Mrs. Newlands when Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C. (defending), objected, submitting that so far as she was concerned nothing about what she looked like or what she did could be evidence against Budd.

The judge agreed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Bollon agreed that Budd gave him every assistance, adding: "But I cannot understand why he did not send for a doctor, or communicate with the police, if the man was in pain in the afternoon."

Mr. Hutchinson: That will come better from counsel for the prosecution than from a witness. What I am asking you is: Did it appear as if Budd had been looking after Mr. Newlands that afternoon?—In view of what I had said, no. But I have no evidence of what happened during the afternoon.

"GET OUT"

George Arthur Ring, fruiterer and florist, of Fetter Lane, E.C., said that on August 20 Mr. Newlands asked him and his sister into the sitting room to have a drink.

Budd was there as they entered and Mr. Newlands twice told him to get out. Budd went out and walked slowly up and down outside.

Newslands asked Ring if he would have some whisky, and Ring then saw Budd stop outside the door.

When the whisky was declined Budd walked on. Budd passed up and down a number of times.

Mrs. May Gladys Simpson, Ring's sister, said she saw Budd in the sitting-room. She went in with Mr. Newlands, who looked at Budd and said: "Come on, get out," but Budd did not go.

Mr. Newlands touched him on the arm and said: "Come on, get out" With that, Budd walked out slowly and Mr. Newlands switched on the wireless.

THE UNWANTED STORY

Mr. McClure: Just to fix the time, what was being played when the wireless first started?—It was Jack Payne's band.

Did you hear the music stop?—Yes, with Jack Payne playing his signature tune. A short story was going to follow, and I asked my brother to switch the wireless off as we did not want it.

Evidence given by Mr. George William Whitton, engineer in charge of the control room at Broadcasting House on August 20, was read by the clerk of the court.

Mr. Whitton said that at 3.39 he faded out Jack Payne's band on the London Regional programme and at 3.40 he turned on a short story from the Northern Regional programme.

Jean Boothman, kitchenmaid at Temple Chambers, said that on August 20 she saw Budd in the kitchen. He was soldering a tea urn and had a black bottle from which he poured something into a tin.

Miss Boothman agreed that Budd did not attempt to hide the bottle.

Dr. Henry Edward Archer, assistant pathologist at St. Bartholomew's, said that in a whisky bottle sent to him he found one part of "killed" spirits of salts to eight parts of fluid.

Dr. Archer added that 257 bottles were sent to him, but he found no trace of killed spirits of salts in them.

The hearing was adjourned.

Rosemary, Veronica and Margaret Lesley, bonnie daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Langley.—*Mayfair Studios.*

Schoolboy's Bunyan "Will" Only a Copy

Nottingham.

THE document which was believed to be John Bunyan's will, found in an old book by Paul Collier, a 14-year-old scholar of Nottingham Bluecoat School, was proved recently to be a very clever copy of the original document.

Dr. F. Mott Harrison, the greatest living authority on John Bunyan, travelled specially to the school to identify the document which had been handed to Captain Alfred Mearles, the headmaster, for safe keeping.

The document found by Paul Collier was closely examined at Captain Mearles's house.

CLEVER REPRODUCTION

"It is a very clever reproduction but outstanding facts show it to be a copy of the original will," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

"In the first place it is printed.

"The theory that Bunyan may have made two wills, the document found by Collier being one of them, is discounted by the fact that the same error occurs in both the original at Bedford and the document found by Collier.

"Bunyan began to sign his will which was really a deed of gift, and had got as far as Joh and a bit when the lawyer obviously told him to sign higher up on the paper.

"Bunyan crossed out the part of his name he had already written and wrote it in full again higher up.

"This is the mistake which occurs in the original and the Collier copy.

"Now, apart from the fact that Collier's copy is printed, had Bunyan made two copies of his will he would not have made the mistake of signing too low down twice."

Captain Mearles is extremely grateful to Dr. Mott Harrison for his investigation and clearing up the matter, for even an expert photographer who examined the document was deceived by it.

Had Collier's discovery been a genuine original it would have been worth a great deal of money.

REASONABLE VIEW

He will be told Dr. Mott Harrison's verdict, and, as some consolation for his disappointment, will receive an exact reproduction of Bunyan's will as a present from this great Bunyan authority.

"Captain Mearles's conclusion supported by the opinion of an expert lithographer was very reasonable in the circumstances," said Dr. Mott Harrison.

It is practically impossible for anyone but an expert, especially an expert on John Bunyan, to distinguish between genuine documents and copies.

"Naughty Girl Who Betted"

Understatement of profits totalling £17,500, on which income tax and surtax of £4,570 should have been paid, was alleged against a veterinary surgeon and his wife at South Western police court recently.

The surgeon, Leonard Seymour Balls of Kenley Park House, Kenley, Surrey, and Ida Ethel Balls, faced charges respecting alleged false entries in income-tax returns.

Mr. Sidney M. Young, prosecuting, said Mr. Balls acquired his present practice on the death of his father in 1923 to 1934.

The main establishment of Balls's business was at Brixton, Mr. Young said, and that was the establishment with which they were concerned.

HER OWN PRACTICE

"Before her marriage Mrs. Balls carried on a veterinary practice of her own, and she took a substantial part in her husband's business after they were married."

The substance of the charges was a deliberate understatement of cash takings at the Brixton establishment.

Those cash amounts consisted almost wholly of the takings of assistants employed by Balls and the personal takings of Balls himself.

Mr. Young alleged that these amounts, not entered into the books shown to the auditors, were handed to Mr. Balls or placed in the private banking account of Mrs. Balls.

From 1925 onwards practically the whole of the money, of which the origin could not be traced, was paid into the account of Mrs. Balls.

A Mr. Campbell, who examined her bank books, was so surprised by what he saw that he went to Mrs. Balls and asked her about the account.

"SOME BETTING"

Mrs. Balls said to him that she "had to admit that she had been a naughty girl and had been doing some betting."

"The position is that we have records of the cash taken at Balls's surgeries during certain periods. It is a much longer period than is covered by the records we have of the sums from unknown sources flowing into the banking accounts of the defendants."

Mr. D. G. Conolly, employed as bookkeeper by the defendants from June, 1925, to February, 1928, said he was handed most of the takings, and either banked the money or gave it to Mr. Balls or his wife.

From 1928 to 1933 the sum of £7,853 was taken at the Brixton surgery, and £2,170 of that was banked and entered in the cash-book, which was the book the auditors were shown.

The balance was taken by Mr. Balls and not entered in the books.

Deflation Plus Inflation

Willows, Cal.

The evil effects inflation and deflation are not always purely of a financial or economic order. When a club caretaker here chased three boys off the club's hunting preserves, the boys returned and deflated the tires of his car. Besides a $10 fine the boys were sent back to inflate them again.

TESTING RECRUITS FOR INDUSTRY

Practical Psychology

THE increasing use of industrial psychology in both education and industry is indicated in the annual report of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology. During the last three years the institute has made investigations for the West Sussex Education Committee to determine the proportion of children in the area who are subnormal in intelligence or educationally retarded.

This work is almost completed, but certain of the teachers, who have been specially trained by the institute in the individual application of the Binet-Simon tests of intelligence, are continuing to examine children who made particularly low scores in the group intelligence tests in order to discover which of them appear incapable of benefiting from the usual elementary school curriculum.

A study undertaken by the institute, in cooperation with a number of Scottish textile firms, had the purpose of securing the selection of suitable recruits to the industry. For the first time the institute undertook an investigation for a whole industry. After a thorough survey of textile processes in both spinning and weaving mills a list of the aptitudes required for the various types of work was made. Tests to measure those aptitudes were devised, and are now being tried.

A study of labour turnover in undertakings in London and Leeds was the subject of a special report. Consultative visits were paid to a number of firms which required advice on particular problems. Discussions on the psychology of selling were held for a group of salesmen.

A number of education authorities asked the institute for advice on heating, ventilating, and lighting of new and old school buildings. In one case alterations in the type and arrangement of heating units were suggested. "The manufacturers concerned were interested in these improvements, and requested the institute to continue the investigation by testing new experimental types of heating unit. This resulted in a new type being evolved which gave improved results and at the same time effected a saving of more than 20 per cent. in current consumption."

Advice on the choice of a career was given to some 1,400 persons, mostly young people. A number of courses of training in the institute's methods included one for Borstal housemasters and one for teachers under the Hull Education Committee.

A broad survey of leisure occupations was planned, but for financial reasons had to be curtailed. The original intention was to include in the the investigation (a) a town of varied industries where the dwellings, centres of work, and recreational facilities are within walking distance from one another; (b) an industrial town where the dwellings, centres of work, and recreational facilities are not within walking distance from one another; (c) a district in process of planned development; (d) a rural district; and (e) a holiday resort. Ipswich, Bolton, Slough, the Kesteven district of Lincolnshire, and Weston-super-Mare were chosen, but lack of time and money prevented any work in Bolton and Weston-super-Mare. A fairly intensive survey was made of Ipswich and a rather less exhaustive study of Kesteven and of Slough. The "interesting and valuable," results are to be published later.

EMPIRE NEWS

Judge's Suicide In Tanganyika

Dar-Es-Salaam.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned at the inquest on Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce, Acting Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, who was found shot through the head in his bed room on November 7.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, Chief Justice of Kenya and President of the East African Court of Appeal, who was one of the chief witnesses, requested that part of his evidence should be heard in camera. Sir Joseph was staying with Mr. Justice Knight-Bruce at the time of the latter's death.

The Coroner, in his finding, stated that the closing of the court was not necessary in view of the nature of the evidence disclosed.

It appeared that Mr. Knight-Bruce had been a very sick man for a considerable time, both in body and mind. Domestic differences had arisen in which another unnamed person was concerned.

Sir Joseph Sheridan, in his evidence, said that Mr. Knight-Bruce was devoted to his wife, and was filled with remorse when she left for England for a holiday shortly before the tragedy.

Sir Joseph referred to an incident at a public dance, when Mr. Knight-Bruce struck an individual in the presence of his wife, Sir Joseph Sheridan, and others. Later the men were brought together on friendly terms.

Sir Joseph Sheridan admitted that two nights before the tragedy he locked himself in his room, owing to the demeanour of Mr. Knight-Bruce.

AUSTRALIA

RURAL TRAINING FOR BOYS

Sydney.

Employment on farms in New South Wales has been found for 522 youths during the last year by officers of the rural employment scheme for boys. This brings the total number of boys for whom this organisation has found employment up to 4,000, of whom 3,000 have already opened savings bank accounts.

These activities for Australian youths are in addition to the work for immigrant youths which is being done by the Fairbridge Farm Schools, the Salvation Army and the Big Brother movement.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAX.—A bill has been introduced in Queensland to abolish the present unemployment relief tax and substitute a special income-tax to be known as the Income State Development Tax. From January 1 there will be an all-round reduction in the rate of tax now being paid. Under the new tax workers up to the level of the basic wage will be exempt and the rates on other incomes will be £211 to £227, 3d. in the pound; £227 to £499, 6d. in the pound; over £499, 9d. in the pound. This is in addition to the normal State and the Federal income-taxes.

MR. HUGHES'S WARNING.—Mr. W. M. Hughes, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech at the opening of the campaign for 70,000 militia recruits, said: "We live in a mad world, in which it is necessary to prepare to deal with madmen. Australia's position is most dangerous. Britain is ready but may be unable to help."

NEW ZEALAND

USE OF LONDON CREDITS

Auckland.

Mr. Polson, M.P., president of the Primary Producers' Federation, declares that the use of Reserve Bank credit in London by the Government and the depletion of London funds has led to serious financial embarrassment.

Prof. Hytten, adviser to the Bank of New South Wales, is of the opinion that the expansion of the public works programme in New Zealand is causing an unbalanced economy.

JAMAICA

SUGAR LABOURERS' GRIEVANCES

Kingston.

A deputation from the Jamaica sugar industry informed the Royal Commission which is inquiring into labour troubles that if the economic condition of labourers on sugar estates was to be improved to a decent standard Jamaica would not only want a larger export quota than was granted under the international sugar agreement, but would require also an improvement in present prices.

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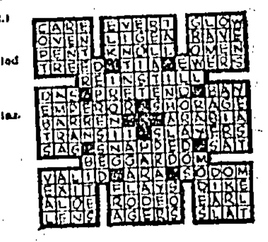
ACROSS

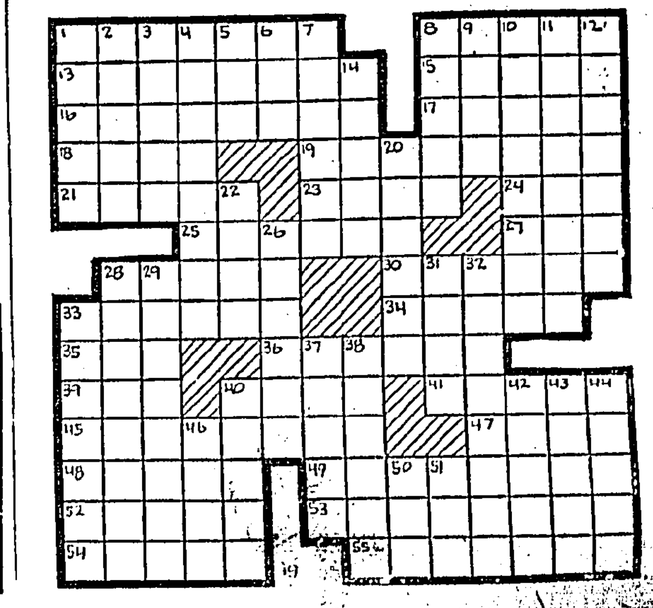
1—Conductor's car on freight train
8—Famous violin (col.)
13—Affirming
15—Movement of quadrille
16—Capable of being led
17—Like an urn
18—Riffraff (Scottish)
19—Case offered as examnle
21—10th-century Arabian physician
23—Rests in chair
24—Bird of prey
25—Hexed
27—Piece
28—Female ruler
30—Rat-like Haitian animal
31—Plain of Siberia
34—Biting (col.)
35—Knock
36—Part of harness
39—Outcast class of Japan
40—Impetuous dash
41—Chilean seaport
45—Dryness
47—Kind of cheese
48—Measure of gold purity
49—And so forth
52—Bound in vassalage to lord
53—Starfish (plural)
54—Biblical name
55—In agreeable to

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Heat (Latin)
2—Feudal service to king
3—Carries
4—Gave formal orders for
5—Anglo-Saxon coin
6—Related by blood
7—Enroll
8—Plugs for noise in boiler
9—Mosaic law (Hebrew)
10—Horse that came in second (col.)
11—Faculty
12—Things to be destroyed (Latin)
14—Bent of mind (French)
20—Drift ashore
22—Prophet
26—Lacking necessary power
28—Stanza of four lines (French)
29—Not matched
31—River in New Mexico
32—Short humorous opera
33—Molasses
37—Levels to ground
38—Part of shoe
40—Go inside
42—Mental images
43—Bet on 4 numbers in roulette
46—Accumulate
48—Dark-skinned foreigner (slang)
50—Coolidge's nickname
51—Gullis of natives



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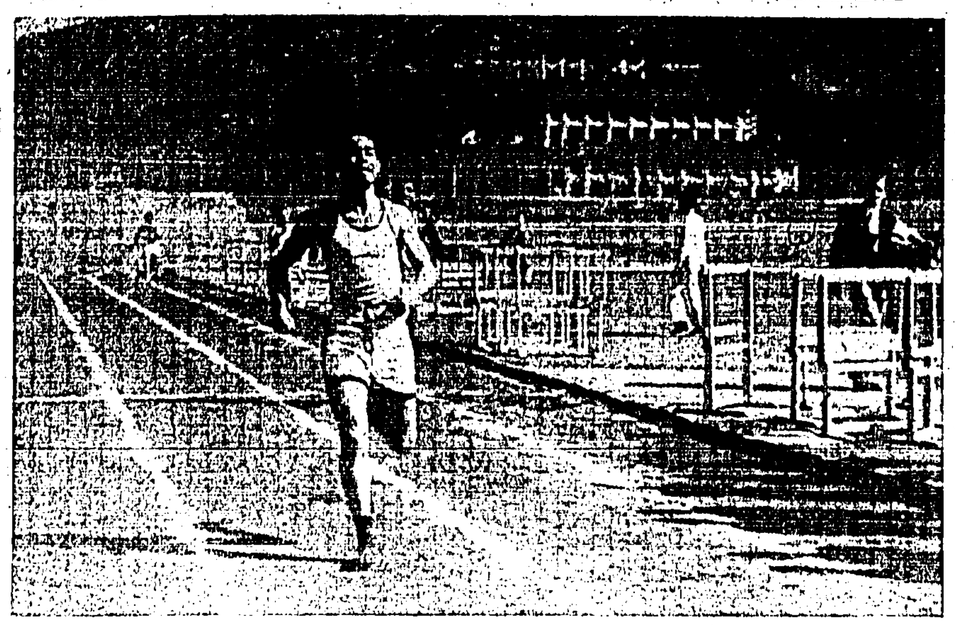

As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday with the greatest of ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs., which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—*Photo by Staff Photographer.*

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket Tie Against Navy

Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbit")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Weedon, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownrigg and Kyrke away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the spacious leisurely days of the past.

Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith allowed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11—1—6.) Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11—2—5.

MORE TROUBLE

This brought Manners and Kennedy together, both of whom have played for the Navy at Lord's. The latter shaped nicely and made an excellent shot past extra cover to the corner of the ground, but the last ball of Godby was a fast yorker which just hit the off stumps. 17—3—5.

Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slashed and somehow or other put it between the wicket keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore.

It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind mow at an off ball and skied it to second slip. 47—5—20. Two runs later Clayton snicked Godby to Land at second slip. Wanstall did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went on for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had realised fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight.

Moores hung on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 29, played at a most critical time. 115—9—29. Paxton made three singles and then Moores was l.b.w. to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT

After tiffin the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paxton's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty six after an hour's play which is slow for the ground. At this point Paxton relieved Whitmarsh, and Moores went on for Manners. Moores sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 94 he mistimed a slower one and scooped up an easy chance to Lees. (94—2—46.)

Land came in and on-drove Paxton who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he need have been. Just after the hundred was hoisted, Patterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paxton to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112—3—43.) Land began to bat confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moores, which sped to the boundary in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paxton fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET

Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby especially seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression he was seeing them. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 146—5—13. Hatfield, promoted in the order after his good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moores which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moores' next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 157—7—12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moores bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one. 161—8—0. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an end up and put Moores away to square leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank! A perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wristwork. Manners went on but Lawrence banged him to the mid-wicket boundary tho' it obviously was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moores next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195—9—19.

P. S. M. Paterson came in and pushed a four through the slips but off the first ball of Manners next over Swyers went out to drive, missed the ball and was stumped. The innings closed for 199—a lead of 85 runs.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT

The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton snicked the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg for four and that was that.

Scores:

ROYAL NAVY.—1ST. INNS.

Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby	6
L/S Smith, c Land b Paterson	5
Lt. Commdr. Kennedy, b Godby	5
Lt. Manners, c Godby, b Land	20
Commdr. Firth, b Godby	9
E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby	4
Commdr. Lees, b Godby	29
S. P. O. Wanstall, c Paterson, b Land	4
Lt. Talbot, c Paterson, b Baker	28
Mar. Moores, l.b.w., b Godby	0
C. P. O. Paxton, not out	3
Extras	5
Total	118

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Paterson	3	–	19	1
Land	9	–	40	2
*Hatfield	6	1	21	–
Swyers	2	–	12	–
Baker	3	2	1	1

*Bowled one no-ball.

ARMY.—1ST. INNS.

S/Sgt. Patterson, c Whitmarsh b Paxton	43
Cpl. Webb, l.b.w. b Paxton	0
Driver Logan, c Lees b Moores	46
Sgt. Land, c Paxton b Manners	27
Capt. Godby, b Moores	12
Pte. Coombes, c Clayton b Moores	13
Pte. Hatfield, b Moores	2
Major Swyers, st. Clayton b Manners	13
Sgt. Baker, b Moores	0
Capt. Lawrence, b Moores	19
P. S. M. Paterson, not out	4
Extras	20
Total	199

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	24	3	61	2
Moores	22	5	58	6
Manners	13.1	3	30	2
Whitmarsh	9	–	24	–

NAVY.—2ND. INNS.

L/S Smith, not out	4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield	0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out	0
Total (1 wkt.)	4

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	2	1	4	–
Hatfield	1	1	–	1

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ADVICE GIVEN TO FORWARDS

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE

OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to nip in and get in a shot or pass to a better-placed colleague. He must always be on the look-out for a clearance to the wing by one of the defenders, and if he sees any prospect of it, he should place himself in the position to which the clearance is likely to be made; for backs and goalies under pressure have little time to pick and choose as to where to hit, but are generally content to clear the ball anywhere out to the wing.

In taking passes on the left, the blade of the stick should be facing the direction in which the ball is coming, so that on impact with the stick the ball is checked and by a very slight turn, can be placed in the desired position.

Unless the stick is faced squarely to the ball in the first instance, it will glance off and go out of control. It is easier to get the ball into position on taking a pass if the stick is kept fairly wide of the body. Taking it too close to the feet is liable to hamper you by the ball becoming mixed up with your feet

CHANGING PLACES

Inter-change of positions between an inside and an outside forward, between a centre and an inside man, and between a half and a full back can be very effective. Imagine a winger, to reach a badly-delivered pass, comes inward a few yards, and as he does so, draws with him the opposing half; then is the time for the inside to dash behind and outside his winger, giving him a sign, if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.

Lieut. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pivot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

Mrs. Ackroyd has been a most prolific scorer for the Seaforth Ladies this season.

Boxing

HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3.

Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York in a fortnight's time to secure Baer's signature.

Failing Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavyweight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnstone and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's reply was:

NO ELIMINATORS

"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one.

"I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as Tommy Farr was.

"Of course, the power of the purse generally operates in boxing. It has to. But I do not think there is the slightest prospect of my going to America unless it is for a title fight.

"As to a fight here, who is there? I see no point in fighting Baer, even in London. Still, we must await developments and see what is offered. Except in the case of a world title fight I am not desperately eager to grab a match with Tom, Dick or Harry. In fact, it is possible I shall make an exhibition tour."

PHILLIPS'S PURSE

In spite of this statement, Mr. Hulls has great hopes of matching him with Baer or Lewis, and it will probably depend on the sort of inducement he is able to offer Harvey.

Baer is over two stones heavier, carries a tremendous punch, but is slow and easily outboxed. He looked very poor when Farr beat him, and very good when he knocked out Ben Foord.

The receipts on Thursday night proved to be only about £7,000, of which the boxers were each guaranteed £1,500, with the option of 25 per cent. of the receipts, whichever was the greater. They will, therefore, be due to receive just under £2,000 each.

Phillips's purse, however, must be handed to the British Boxing Board of Control, as stated in *The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post* yesterday, and held by the Board until the stewards have reviewed the circumstances of Phillips's disqualification by the referee. The Board may deal with the purse money as they think fit.

My view of the incident which led to the referee intervening is that Phillips was half-conscious at the time and unable to control the direction of his punches.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

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R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

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K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half when Pyara Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Partab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

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IQBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

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THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mongkok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Austen, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

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POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Leslie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chenan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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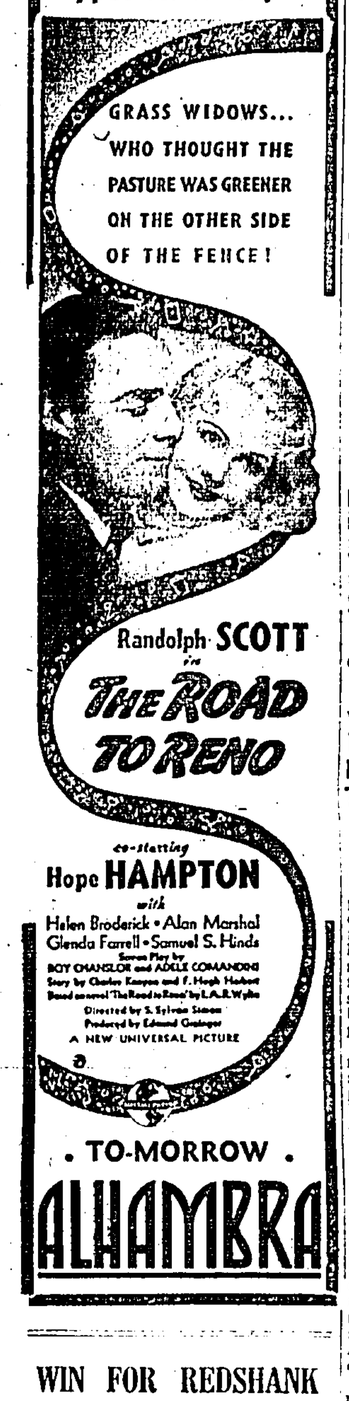

• TO-MORROW •
ALHAMBRA

Eddie Paynter Scores Century In Each Innings In First Test Match

Third Englishman to do This Against The South Africans: Game Drawn

As generally expected, after the third day's play, the First Test match at Johannesburg ended in a draw yesterday. The M.C.C., with a lead of 32 runs after the first innings, declared their second knock at 291 for four wickets and the South Africans, facing a score of 323, had made 108 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Eddie Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, who made 117 in the M.C.C. first innings, scored 100 in the second, thus becoming the third Englishman to score a century in each innings in Test matches against South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

The weather was sunny when the game was resumed to-day on a wicket which was worn and had patches at both ends. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Paynter took two fours in succession from Langton and reached 51 in 77 minutes, his tally including seven fours. Both batsmen were aggressive and their innings were marked by powerful driving. The 150 appeared in 149 minutes.

Gibb brought up his century in 184 minutes, including seven fours, but six runs later he was beaten completely by Dalton. His batting had been a judicious blend of aggression and defence.

Hammond joined Paynter and the pair continued until lunch when the score was two for 223, Paynter being 82 and Hammond 13.

After lunch the crowd grew to over 1,000 and watched Hammond in aggressive mood. He scored 30 in 20 minutes and brought up the 250 in 224 minutes. Paynter reached his century in 189 minutes, including 10 fours, and became the third Englishman to score a century in each innings of a test against South Africa. A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe were the others.

Hammond brought up his 50 in 19 minutes, but Paynter did not pass his 100, sending a skier to Langton at mid-on off Gordon.

Ames joined Hammond at three for 281 but only 10 runs had been added when Hammond put his leg in front of a straight one from Dalton and was out for 58. Hammond then declared with four down for 291, leaving South Africa with 324 to score to win.

Hammond scored his runs in 63 minutes and made some beautiful drives. He hit five fours.

The South Africans opened with Mitchell and Van Der Byl again and were taking no chances.

Stonewalling tactics were adopted, and with this policy continuing throughout the afternoon, a draw became inevitable.

At 67, Van Der Byl's off-stump was disturbed by Hammond in the English captain's first over. He had scored 38, made in 130 minutes, his chief scoring strokes being three fours and a six.

Mitchell and Nourse continued sedately and took the score to 108 without further loss, when stumps were drawn. Mitchell's contribution was 48 and Nourse's 17.

Mitchell batted for 168 minutes and hit five boundaries.

Scores:

M.C.C.

1st. Innings	422

SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS.

B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van Der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND. INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, b Dalton	106
Paynter, c Langton, b Gordon	100
W. R. Hammond, l.b.w. b Dalton	58
Ames, not out	3
Extras	14
Total (for 4 wkts. decld.)	291

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	14	2	67	0
Langton	16	3	64	0
Mitchell	11	1	58	0
Gordon	14	0	59	2
Dalton	6.5	0	20	2

SOUTH AFRICA.—2ND INNS.

Mitchell, not out	48
Van Der Byl, b Hammond	38
Nourse, not out	17
Extras	5
Total (for 1 wkt.)	108

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	7	3	17	0
Edrich	3	0	7	0
Verity	16	8	17	0
Goddard	11	3	31	0
Wilkinson	8	3	18	0
Hammond	6	3	13	1

DALTON DROPPED

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

E. L. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for pulling South Africa out of its plight, has been dropped from the second test team to meet the M.C.C. at Capetown on Saturday. Bond has also been omitted, the vacancies being filled by Balaskas and Rowan.

The team is.—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, A. D. Nourse, P. Van der Byl, E. W. Davies, X. Balaskas, No. Gordon, F. A. Rowan.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER CHANGE

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

Another change has been made in the South African team to meet the M.C.C. in the Second Test.

K. Viljoen has injured his hand and drops out of the team. His place will be taken by A. W. Briscoe, of Transvaal.—*Reuter.*

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the University past students in the annual match against the present students at Pokfulam on Sunday.—Zimmern (capt.) D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, S. V. Gittins, E. L. Gosano, D. Hung, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, W. H. Sling, F. R. Zimmern, J. L. Youngsaye. Scorer, S. C. Ho.

The following will represent the Club against the Navy in the triangular tournament match on Saturday and Monday.—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. Beck, J. H. Fox, J. Ilsley, N. D. Lloyd, G. Longfield, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride.

The following will represent Combined Schools against University at Pokfulam on Friday.—D. Crary, J. Fisher, F. J. Lay, D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), J. and G. Gosano (La Salle), T. Lockhart, N. Smith, W. G. Pryde, T. M. Sulter (C.B.S.); W. Mulcahy, Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).

Paynter
. . . he scored a century in each innings.

Home Football

Motherwell Win Away Encounter

London, Dec. 28.

Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were decided to-day, results being as follows:

Albion	3	Ayr U.	3
Kilmarnock	1	Motherwell	3

—*Reuter.*

LYNCH TO TRAIN IN MONASTERY

London, Dec. 4.

Benny Lynch, former fly-weight champion, in another desperate bid to come back, sails to Ireland to-day to train in the company of silent Cistercian monks in the Famous Mount Melleray Monastery, in Co. Waterford.

His wife told the "Sunday Dispatch" last night: "This opportunity of going to Ireland to get away from his old ties is a Heaven-sent chance for Benny.

"I think he has realised that unless he gets right down to the task of getting fit the future will be pretty dark for us all."

Mr. George Dingley, the Scottish boxing promoter, said: "It's up to Benny and no one else. He can get himself properly fit again, and if he does so I can make £20,000 for him in the next two or three years."

Lynch has received a letter from Mr. A. L. Elvin, the Wembley Stadium promoter, wishing him luck and promising him matches when he is fit for a come-back.

VOWS

The monks of Mount Melleray Abbey live a rigorous life under strict discipline and stern self-control. They are bound by a vow of perpetual silence from which only the guest master and lay brothers are absolved.

Another Glasgow boxer, Johnny McGrory, British feather-weight ex-champion, suggested the idea to Lynch.

Lawn Tennis

Miss Stammers Unable To Go To S. Africa

London, Nov. 23.

Miss Kay Stammers has had to decline the invitation to join the British team to tour South Africa this winter. She informed the L.T.A. of her decision yesterday.

The reason is that Miss Stammers cannot spare the time from business. "Kay is very disappointed," said her mother, "but the tour is such a long one that she could not possibly spare the time. She is in business with a London firm, and, as it happens, her busiest time comes just after Christmas, so she has had no alternative but to decline.

"It must be remembered that she has only just returned from a long stay in America."

The team for South Africa is due to leave at the end of next month.

FRIENDLY RUGBY

The Club "A" Rugby XV defeated the Army "A" team by 20 to 3 at the Club ground yesterday. After a solitary Army try, the following scored for the Club: Chadwick 3 tries, Wilson 2 tries, Nelson 1 try (Stark converting one). The score at half-time was 8-3.

FRENCH CONSULAR POSTS

French consular changes notified to take place shortly, include an exchange of posts between M. Leurquin, Consul General at Harbin, and M. Blondeau, Consul at Hankow.

M. Leurquin will be remembered as Consul General in Hongkong two years ago.

Ten Leading Amateur Tennis Players

New York, Dec. 28.

Donald Budge, the famous American tennis player, who makes his professional debut next week against Ellsworth Vines, to-day announced his list of the world's first ten amateur players.

In his opinion, the leading amateur now is H. W. ("Bunny") Austin, of England, and the next is John Bromwich, of Australia.

Next in line are Robert Riggs (U.S.), Roderich Menzel (formerly of Czecho-Slovakia), Sidney Wood, Jr. (U.S.), Gene Mako (U.S.), F. Cejnar (Czecho - Slovakia), Adrian Quist (Australia), Henner Henkel (Germany) and Bryan Grant U.S.).—*United Press.*

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (King's Theatre, to-day). — Characteristic Edmond Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which follows the usual run. Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Strohelm head the cast. The ending is unusual. A British production.

"That Certain Woman" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Bette Davis in a powerful drama as a woman who loves not wisely but too well. Supported by Henry Fonda and Ian Hunter. Good entertainment.

"Women Are Like That" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Pat O'Brien looks understandably unhappy as the egotistical advertising man who becomes a drunkard when his wife succeeds in a deal which he had abandoned. Kay Francis's gowns are splendid. Melville Cooper, Borden Oliver and Ralph Forbes are in the cast.

"Prison Farm" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A shocker about the girl who loves a man who, although she does not know it, is a criminal. They are caught together and sent to a prison farm, where scenes of brutality are enacted. Shirley Ross, Lloyd Nolan, John Howard, J. Carrol Naish and Porter Hall.

"Reformatory" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—As the title indicates, the story is of life in an American reformatory, with Jack Holt, as the warden, introducing a new system to the boys of the farm. Interesting film.

WIN FOR REDSHANK

In Sweepstake Race Held By Yacht Club

Redshank was first in the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 9.4 miles, the yachts starting at 14.45. Results:

	Finished	Corrd	Pos.
Redshank (E. T. Stanley).	17.01.05	16.51.41	1
Eve (E. Bader).	17.02.00	16.52.36	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).	17.02.07	16.52.43	3
Painted Lady (M. T. L. Wilkinson).	17.02.30	16.53.06	4
Nereid II (C. B. Barry).	17.02.04	16.54.38	5
Maureen (R. Lawder).	17.04.05	16.54.41	6
Jean (G. C. Gowland).	17.04.20	16.54.56	7
Gull (A. O. G. Mills).	17.04.21	16.54.57	8
Colleen (G. J. Tarr).	16.50.00	——	9
Artemis (S. Berg).	17.05.43	16.56.19	10
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King).	17.05.55	16.56.31	11
Ariel (Drew Wilkinson).	17.00.00	16.56.27	12

EXHIBITION TENNIS

Filipinos To Play At Kowloon To-day

Leonardo Gavia and Armado Sanchez, winner and runner-up of the Philippines tennis championship, will appear in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day at 2.30 p.m. They arrived yesterday on the Potsdam.

Players selected to play against the visitors are the Trul brothers, George Chou, Szeto Bick and A. E. P. Guest.

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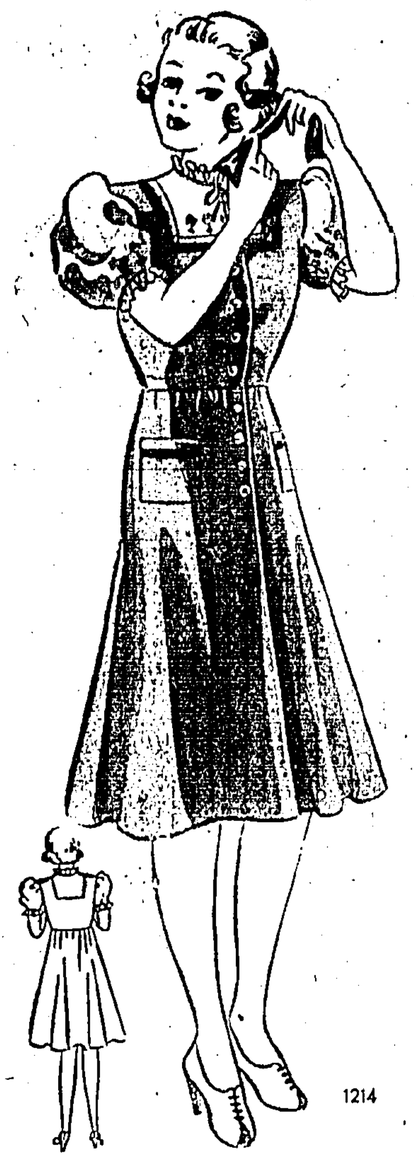


1214

Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.

WHEN I was fourteen I wanted to look like my mother. I could not understand why this, that and the other style were too old for me.

Most mothers find that daughters of this age either do not care what they look like or want to imitate too closely an elder sister.

If you want her to look nice, encourage your daughter to take an interest in her clothes, and she will learn to choose wisely, and if she likes sewing it is going to save her money later on if she can make her own frocks.

Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

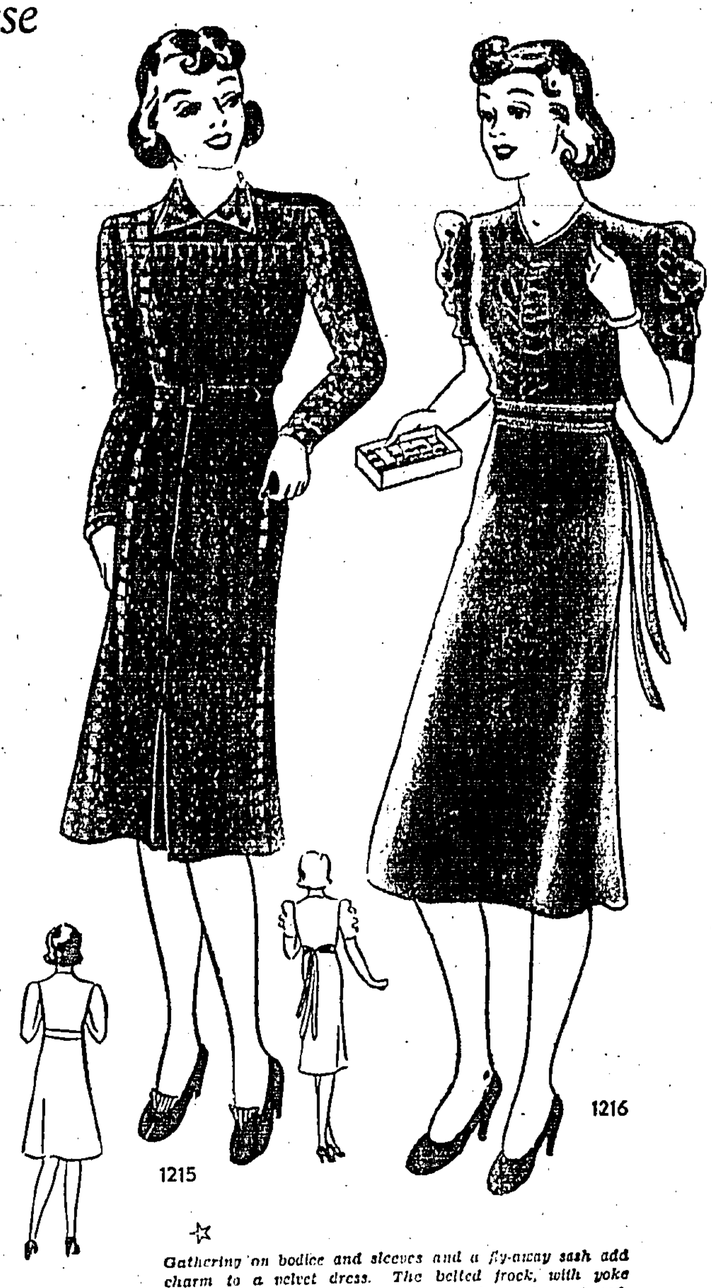
At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in lazy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



1215

1216

Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a fly-away sash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

Braid Enlivens Black Crepe

Gold braid embroidery studded with the topaze-coloured stones forms the patterns of an elaborate necklace on this high-necked gown of black rayon crepe. Rows of shirring hold the fullness of the wide girdle and sleeves. The puff sleeves are set in high on the shoulders.

Try A Hot Salad

SOME cold day try a hot salad, either alone with bread and butter, or as an accompaniment to hot or cold meat. It is excellent with meat pies and recooked meat dishes, such as shepherd's pie.

To make it, steam six medium-sized potatoes in their jackets. Let them cool, then skin them, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in the bottom of a fire-proof dish. Season with pepper to taste, sprinkle over half a cupful of minced cooked celery and two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley.

Heat together two tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar, two tablespoonfuls of wine vinegar and a slice of lemon. Remove the lemon and strain the liquid over the salad. If preferred it can be omitted and the salad served neat or with any sauce desired. Heat through in a slow oven and serve at once, piping hot.

Slices of tomatoes or cooked Brussels sprouts make a pleasant addition. Croutons of toast, soaked in a little gravy, soup, or stock can take the place of potatoes for a change.

W. B.

Room Plants In Winter

PLANTS that are kept in a room need more care in winter than in summer, as the atmosphere indoors is often hot and dry. Artificial heat of any description tends to create a dry atmosphere, which is detrimental to growing plants. The dryness can be overcome by spraying occasionally overhead, and an ordinary clean scent spray filled with tepid water will answer the purpose.

The question often arises about the watering of room plants. Cold water from the tap should never be given, as this checks their growth. Wait until the soil in the pot is dry, then give it a good soaking in tepid water.

A plant's particular position in a room has a direct bearing on its health. If its foliage is jammed against the window-pane, it will be subject to draughts. Its growth in that direction will be impaired and its foliage spoilt.

The leaves of palms and any plants with large foliage should be sponged once a week. Those with softer foliage, such as ferns, need an occasional complete immersion in tepid water. A plant breathes through its leaves, and this bath dislodges the dust that collects.

Give your plants plenty of room to breathe, and air the room thoroughly.

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WHAT IS BEAUTY?

IF you asked a dozen, or even more, people exactly what feminine beauty is, I have no doubt that you would hear a dozen or more different definitions. The reason for this is that there are so many things which go to the making of a beautiful woman. It is impossible to say that beauty is any one thing. Anyway, here are some of the things which obviously go to produce beauty.

I don't want to say much about the importance of grooming and dress because that is universally understood. The loveliest of features and the most potential allure would be completely disguised by a grimy complexion, unkempt hair, and dilapidated clothes. But even if she has physically qualified with success for the beauty degree, a woman's work is by no means done.

Of the many things which go to make beauty, expression is one of the most important. Many a time one can see two faces which, physically, may be called equally lovely, yet there is a world of difference in their actual attraction, the reason being that one looks ordinary while the other looks full of character.

Character Revealed in Expression

When speaking of expression, I do not merely mean that one must bear a smiling, or a serious, or a thoughtful, or any other superficial look. What I refer to is something much more subtle than that. I mean the general character which is stamped on the face and which no amount of casual and fleeting expressions can destroy. And faces do get stamped with character. No matter how careful one is to disguise one's feelings, inner emotions definitely transfer their mark to the face. The only way, therefore, to acquire a lovely facial mein is to regulate one's thoughts accordingly.

Things like spite, unjust thoughts, cunning and so on, should, as far as possible, be kept out of one's mental operation. A warm but firm temperament is what one should aim at; deep thoughts and interests, instead of shallow ones; quiet confidence instead of either abjectness or bravado. All this would inevitably stamp itself on the face, resulting in an arresting, and likeable expression.

Another essential attribute of beauty is poise. No woman, however charming physically, can lay genuine claim to beauty if she behaves without dignity, if she titters inanely, if she is always being "caught out" and being made a fool of or if she sits or walks in an ugly manner. Unexaggerated poise is an integral part of beauty.

And here is a special tip which a particularly attractive woman gave me. Carry a little nonchalance with you. Think to yourself that, although you love the world and its inhabitants, you are nevertheless not prepared to kow-tow to anybody or anything. You are an individual yourself, and you intend to remain one, with your own ideas and principles and likes and dislikes. Though you respect others' opinions, your own actions are not affected unduly by the edicts of others.

Carriage and Voice

I mentioned walking earlier, but it deserves more than a mention. Graceful walking, and sitting too, are an indispensable part of beauty. You need not do it as if you are either a robot, or a drill sergeant, or a mannequin. Exaggeration looks ridiculous, not beautiful. But have a quiet, inconspicuous grace.

Further, no woman can possibly be beautiful if her voice is ugly. This, as a matter of fact, should come near the head of beauty attributes. Many an illusion may be dispelled and, on the other hand, many a favourable impression may be created by the opening of a mouth!

Pronounce your words correctly, do shape your lips when speaking instead of only using your jaws and opening your mouth too wide, and, above all, speak in moderate tones and don't screech.

Other things which will help you to create the impression of beauty are the ability to make interesting conversation and the capacity to be witty.

No doubt you will say that all this sounds rather a tall order, but it is much easier than you think. If you get into the habit of following these principles, they will very soon become second nature, and you will find yourself practising them without having to give a single thought to them, just as you practise breathing.

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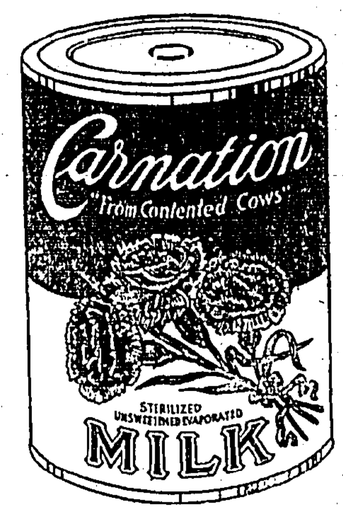

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POLICE reinforcements were called to a baby show at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Upton Park, E., recently, to control the crowd of mothers who brought their children to be judged. Two or three hundred babies were expected. Actually about 1,500 were brought. Here is part of the crowd waiting outside the gates.

Directly connected with the first and last acts of the Great War, Mr. E. D. Thomas, of Brighton (right), a commissionaire of Brighton, and Mr. F. H. Pennington, of Hove, met for the first time when it was arranged that they should broadcast together. They had been living within a mile of each other for some time. Mr. Thomas fired the first shot of the beginning of the war, and Mr. Pennington dispatched the "Cease fire" telegram at the end.

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Lifeguardsmen who formed a guard of honour at a wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, recently, afterwards went to the Field of Remembrance and planted crosses to the memory of fallen comrades.

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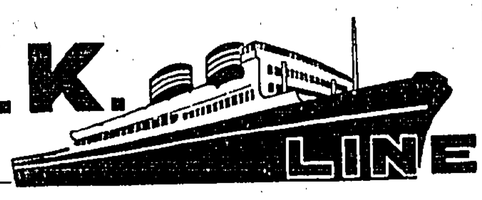

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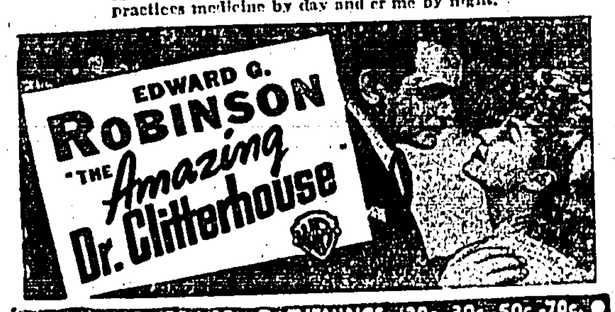

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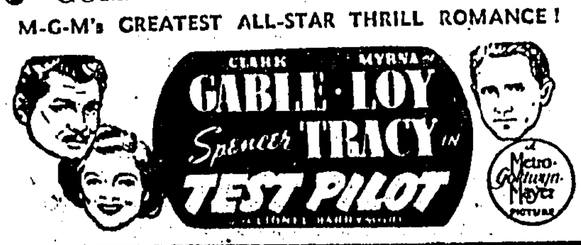

Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbel's organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—*Reuter.*

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CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demands? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty.

It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed.

Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—*Reuter.*

Revised Tariffs In N. China

Peiping, Dec. 28.

It is predicted that the revision of tariffs in the Japanese-occupied areas of China will not come into force on January 1 as expected.

A Tientsin newspaper, regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese military authorities, states that tariff changes will be announced as soon as an agreement has been reached between the Provisional and Reformed governments at Peipng and Nanking.

The changes are expected in the spring, when duties, especially those affecting luxuries, will be greatly increased.—*Reuter.*

Jamaica Committee Issues Report

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28.

The two commissions appointed to investigate respectively the island-wide disturbances in May and June, and the riots on the Frome sugar estate in May, have reported to the Governor.

The report of the first commission shows that in the island disturbances, eight people were killed and 32 wounded, while 745 were arrested. None of the Crown forces was killed, but 100 were injured.

The commission criticises the behaviour of some of the special constables, and suggests that the police force should be increased.

The commission on the Frome riots, in which four persons were killed and 13 injured as a result of the police firing at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, suggests that the police should use tear gas, rather than rifles, and considers a Labour Department a pressing necessity.—*Reuter.*

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.

The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,095,000 in October, and 7,751,000 a year ago.

These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—*Reuter.*

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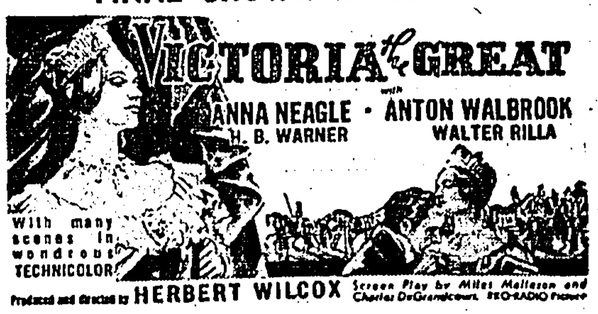

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Word has been received in Hongkong of a gratifying improvement in the health of Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood, who is travelling to England on the Canton.

Concern was felt by his friends when Mr. Hosegood considered it necessary, on account of illness, to have his leave as Deputy Harbour Master put forward, and the news that he is enjoying better health will be welcomed.

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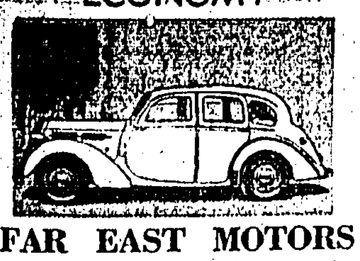

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MUSSOLINI TO DEMAND 4 MAJOR CONCESSIONS

Britain Will Be Asked To Help

ROME, Dec. 29.

SOURCES CLOSED to French diplomatic circles here declare that Signor Mussolini intends to ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, during the latter's visit to Rome next month, to use his good offices to obtain four major concessions from France.

These concessions are designed to satisfy Italy's "national aspirations." Only their concession will prevent the possibility of a Franco-Italian conflict.

Italy's four-point demands are believed to be:

a wide measure of autonomy for Italians residing in Tunisia;

permission for Italians to emigrate freely to Tunisia, and to buy and exploit lands which have not been cultivated;

cession by France to Italy of the part of Djibouti and the sale to Italy of French shares in the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway; and active Italian participation in the management of the Suez Canal.

It is reliably learned from London, however, that Mr. Chamberlain will make no attempt to mediate in the Franco-Italian dispute.

Great Britain, it is believed certain, will not press France to make any concessions to Italy.

FRENCH POSITION MADE CLEAR

London, Dec. 28.

Reliable sources say that, as a result of the recent exchange of French and British views, the French Government has made it quite clear that they intended to deal directly with the Italians.

It is understood that Britain has fully approved.

Consequently Mr. Chamberlain is expected to concentrate on securing withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain, which the British consider is the only means of putting Franco-Italian, as well as Anglo-Italian relations on a solid basis.

FRENCH TROOPS MOVE

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Minister of Colonies has confirmed the fact that a battalion of Senegalese colonial infantry has been ordered to sail for Djibouti from Marseilles, next Friday.

At present, a battalion is slightly less than 1,000 troops.—*United Press.*

Girl's New Nose Made From Rib

Belfast.

WHEN bandages are removed from her face, 18-years-old Josephine Glasser, who is in the Mater Hospital here, will look into a mirror to see her new nose—made of a piece of her rib and of skin from her arm.

Her nose was disfigured 16 years ago, when she had a fall.

For years she sorrowed about her appearance and took no part in the gaieties of her friends—avoided parties, dances, and picnics.

At last a family conference was held and the operation to give her a new nose was arranged.

The operation has been successful.

Her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Gargarn, said:

"A woman thinks of her appearance first, last and all the time. Now, we hope, Josie will be able to look in the mirror and feel happy."

LIEUT. J. B. COX, Executive Officer of H.M.S. Cockchafer, photographed with Japanese Army officers behind the Japanese lines on Lushan after he had escorted the 41 foreigners stranded in Kuling safely through the Chinese and Japanese lines.

WANG CHING-WEI COMING TO COLONY

CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Political Council, is en route to Hongkong was given by Mr. Chen Kung-po, former Minister of Industry in the Chinese Government, when he arrived from Hanoi by Air France plane this morning.

Mr. Chen Kung-po was met at Kai Tack Airport by several prominent Chinese citizens of Hongkong.

In an exclusive interview, he informed the "Telegraph" that he had come to Hongkong to confer with Mr. Wang Ching-wei whom, he revealed, was already en route to the Colony by steamer.

Mr. Lum Bei-sung, former Editor of the Central Daily News, which is owned by Mr. Wang, is also in Hongkong to meet the Chairman of the C.P.C., Mr. Chen revealed.

Mr. Chen refused to comment on reports that there had been differences between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

"I have not seen Mr. Wang Ching-wei since December 2, and am not in a position to say what has happened," he said.

Mr. Chen refused to discuss any rumours concerning Wang Ching-wei.

PROCEEDING TO EUROPE?

"I understand, Mr. Wang is proceeding from Hongkong to Europe on a mission for the Chinese Government. I would not take too much notice of any rumours that are floating about," he said.

Mr. Chen Kung-po is one of the best known younger leaders of the Kuomintang Left Wing, and has given unswerving loyalty to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the nation.

Last year he donated $4,117 his total salary for eight months to swell China's war chest.

He is General Manager of the Shanghai Commercial Savings Bank, and gained world-wide fame when he concluded a Sino-American silver-purchasing agreement on behalf of the National Government with Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, in 1936.

Last December, Mr. Chen led the "secret mission" party which flew by Pan-American Airways Clipper from Hongkong to San Francisco to negotiate on behalf of China for a loan. The aftermath of this visit is believed to have been the decision of the United States, last month, to grant a preliminary credit of U.S.$20,000,000 to China.

JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITY

INTENSE AERIAL activity continues to be shown by Japanese Army and Naval aircraft, according to messages received in Hongkong this morning.

"Domei" reports that units of the Army air force attacked Taning and Kihsien, in south-western Shansi, yesterday morning. "Chinese fortifications" in the districts were violently bombed, the message states.

Two squadrons of Japanese warplanes also appeared over Shihlu and Sailisien, the message states. Bombs were dropped on the snow-covered towns.

Naval aircraft simultaneously launched an aerial attack on Liuchow, in central Kwangsi, according to a Japanese Naval communique.

Intense anti-aircraft fire greeted the raiders, the message states.

JAPANESE LIBERAL LEADERS IN PURGE

VIOLATION OF the Peace Maintenance Law has cost five leaders of the Popular Front in Japan their freedom, according to a "Domei" message this morning.

They include Kin Yamakawa, the noted critic.

Japan's purge of its leading liberals has even extended to the Diet, and two members of the House of Representatives, Kanji Katoh and Hisao Kuroda, have been indicted.

They are alleged to have intrigued with the Proletarian Party.

KWANGTUNG BATTLE: JAPANESE WITHDRAW FROM TSENGSHING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29.

WHILE GENERAL SUGIYAMA, Japanese War Chief in Shanghai, was telling foreign war correspondents that fighting in China had ended, Japanese soldiers in Kwangtung were withdrawing across the Tseng River from Tsengshing, which they have occupied since early in November.

The Chinese are now in control of the East Bank of the river, and, it is believed, will shortly occupy Tsengshing.

On the West River the Japanese are maintaining their positions in the vicinity of Samshui only by the use of artillery, which has so far prevented Chinese attempts to cross the River.

Meanwhile, on the northern front, Chinese vanguards are now at Nantsinkang, only two miles from Yoyang.

The Chinese are facing the depleted Japanese garrison at Yoyang across the Yung Lake, and are exerting considerable pressure.

Feeler thrusts by Japanese troops on the north bank of the Siu River during the last two days have met with some success. On Tuesday the Japanese burned down all the villages around Klutsin on the north bank and heavily bombarded the Chinese positions across the river.

On Wednesday morning they resumed the bombardment. More than 100 shells were fired and under the barrage a party of about 100 Japanese tried to cross the river. They were repelled by the Chinese defenders on the south bank.

Japanese reports claim that the Japanese mopping-up campaign in the mountainous area between the Fen River and the Yellow River is making steady progress.

The Japanese forces are pushing their siege from three directions, north, east and south.

Three detachments of Japanese troops started from Sangling on the west bank of the Fan River and advancing westward along the high-

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NAZIS FRONT-PAGE 'BRUTAL' BRITISH

ON ORDERS from Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, who, London newspapers state, first consulted Hitler, the German Press has launched a unanimous and bitter attack on British administration of colonies and mandates.

Screaming headlines brand British measures in the Near and Middle East as "inhuman," "Barbarous," "brutal," and "bloody," while editorials demand that Britain should not interfere in German affairs.

Berlin newspapers lead the attack, but the propaganda is also disseminated to the far corners of the world, firstly by radio propaganda from the German short-wave stations at Zeesen, and secondly by German news agencies.

Last Saturday the "Telegraph" revealed a typical message received for publication from the Trans-Ocean News Agency.

In this instance the allegations proved so slanderous that the British War Office officially issued a denial, it being emphatically stated that there was no truth whatever in the allegations.

This morning, the Trans-Ocean Agency turned its attention to Cyprus, where "great dissatisfaction is being felt among the inhabitants with British administration."

"The populace resents British administrative methods as savouring unpleasantly of dictatorship," is one of the gems contained in the German agency's message.

"Trans-Ocean," continuing, draws attention to the "press gag" in Cyprus, which is "particularly resented" by the populace!

The German Agency quotes the London "Daily Telegraph" as stating that anti-British feeling is growing throughout Cyprus as a result of the stifling of any expression of public opinion.

Meanwhile, these are some of the

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Berliner Tageblatt
Lokal-Anzeiger
Araber-Empörung über Palästina-Terror
Land im Elend

Above is a reproduction of headlines from the Berlin newspaper Lokal Anzeiger. The article they are based on says that despite England's use of armed force, the Arab "freedom movement" is gaining ground, and uses these phrases—"Many examples of almost unbelievable brutality . . . If the House of Commons still concerns itself about the Jews in Germany, then possibly the Reichstag might busy itself with the horrors in Palestine."

Puppets Will Boycott Jews

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29.

Chinese administrations sponsored by the Japanese are taking steps to prevent Jews from entering Shanghai and other parts of China, according to the Yung Pao, Japanese Army organ.

"Most Jews are Communists, and must not be allowed into China," the report states.—*United Press.*

SILENCE FOLLOWS S.O.S. RADIO APPEAL

WARSAW, Dec. 29.

"S.O.S. . . . S.O.S. . . . We Are Going Down."

From the icy cold waters of the Baltic Sea, this message in Morse code, sent from the German freighter Funkerbrunt at 10 o'clock last night climaxed a drama of six hours.

Shortly before dusk the freighter, en route to Germany from Sweden, apparently struck an ice-berg.

The S.O.S. signal, the three dots, three dashes and three dots of the international Morse code known and dreaded by mariners of every maritime country, was immediately flashed out by the German operator.

Ship to coast traffic for a radius of hundreds of miles was suspended, in order that there should be no radio interference with the stricken vessel's calls for help and the responses from near-by rescuers.

But rescue came too late. At 10 o'clock, as German, Swedish and other ships were steaming to the assistance of the Funkerbrunt, came the last dramatic cry——"S.O.S. . . . S.O.S. . . . We Are Going Down."

Then silence.

It is hoped that the crew of 18 were able to take to lifeboats.

The vessel is not registered at Lloyds.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE TRADE DROPS

TOKYO, Dec. 29.

JAPAN IS FEELING the pinch of economic boycott throughout the world, which has resulted in her exports dropping to new low levels, and of financial stringency at home, which has also considerably decreased her imports.

During the period from January 1 to December 25, imports of raw cotton decreased in value by 423 million yen, compared with the corresponding period last year.

Imports of raw wool have decreased in value by 202,000,000 yen, pulp by 73,000,000 yen, rubber by 40,000,000 yen and timber by 30,000,000 yen.

Exports show a decrease in cotton piece goods of 167,000,000 yen, raw silk has decreased by 44,000,000 yen, rayon fabrics by 39,000,000 yen and rayon yarn by 30,000,000 yen.

Although Japan's trade with other countries has decreased enormously, her decrease in imports has outweighed her decrease in exports to such an extent that, for the first time in 20 years, she has a favourable trade balance. Exports exceed imports by $50,000,000 yen, which compares with an unfavourable trade balance of $648,000,000 yen last year.

City's Freedom For Duke Of Kent

London, Dec. 28.

It was officially announced in Londonderry to-day that the Duke and Duchess of Kent will visit the city on March 9, when the freedom of the city will be conferred on the Duke.—*British Wireless.*

The American President Line announces that services to Shanghai will be resumed by the President Pierce, which leaves San Francisco on December 30.

Ten Degrees Variation In Temperature

There was a variation of ten degrees in the temperature during the past 24 hours, ending at 10 o'clock this morning, the maximum being 65, and the minimum 55.

At 10 a.m. to-day the thermometer was as low as 58, with humidity registering 54 per cent.

The Royal Observatory weather report issued this morning stated that the anti-cyclone retains its intensity and has extended southward and eastward, covering China, Indo-China, southern Japan, and the neighbouring seas. Pressure continues to be relatively low over the East Indies.

Local forecast is:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

WOLVES ATTACK TOWN

4 Peasants Die In Strange War

ONE OF THE MOST amazing battles in history has just been fought in Brusturi, a village in Rumania, according to a *Reuter Special* message.

The village was attacked yesterday morning by several packs of famished wolves.

The entire populace of the village fought for several hours with axes, picks and spades. Even knives were used by some of the villagers when the wolves sprang to close quarters.

Women and children as well as men battled with the famished dogs.

Remarkable though it may seem, no less than four peasants were killed in the encounter.

When the packs dispersed, they left fourteen bodies on the blood-stained and trampled snow in the village street.

The wolves are in such a starving condition that they are fighting each other in cannibalistic battle in the mountains.

LATEST

£250 Million Deficit Looms

LONDON, Dec. 29.

ALTHOUGH REVENUE for the year 1938 has reached £482,459,985, which is £12,647,332 higher than the corresponding period last year, Britain is facing a deficit of at least £250,000,000 for the current year as a result of increased defence expenditure from revenue.

Revenue, which totals £482,459,985, compared with £469,812,653 in the corresponding period of last year, is already exceeded by expenditure by £242,497,312. The total expenditure is £724,957,297, compared with £637,361,814 in the corresponding period last year—an increase of £87,595,483.

Most of the increased revenue comes from income taxation which has yielded £93,704,000, nearly £10,000,000 more than at the same period last year.—*British Wireless.*

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Stock Market Quiet But Steady

London, Dec. 28.

The London Stock Market was generally quiet, although gilt-edged securities encountered some provincial demand, while gold minings were supported from Paris.

Industrials were irregular apart from iron and steels which were generally stronger. Oils eased at the outset on Continental offerings, and subsequently rallied on demand from the same quarter.

Commodities were quiet, the holiday on the markets continuing.

Foreign exchanges were quiet apart from forward dollars, the premiums on which widened owing to an extension of bull accounts into the New Year. Wall Street was steady.—*Reuter Special.*

LOYALISTS CLAIM INSURGENT DRIVE HALTED AFTER SIX DAYS

Below Zero Weather Stops Franco's Push in Catalana

CERVERA, DEC. 28.

FIRST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE INDICATED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN THROWN BACK WITH CONSIDERABLE CASUALTIES.

Below-zero temperatures continued to hamper the attackers' movements, and the frozen plains impeded armoured car attacks, the cars rolling like hummocks over No-Man's Land.

There is little outwardly noticeable change in the situation behind the lines. With constant air alarms and bombardments the villages are now virtually empty.

According to a Hendaye report 300 Insurgent warplanes bombed and machine-gunned the fortified Loyalist base of Artesa de Segre, while Navarrese and Galician columns advanced towards the town in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

Franco's forces are reported to be advancing on the vital town of Aloso de Balaguer from the snow-packed Montsech mountains.

The Loyalist Government at Barcelona admitted that a grim struggle is under way on the southern bank of the Segre for possession of Artesa de Segre. The Government stated that 300 German and Italian planes are constantly bombing and machine-gunning the Catalonian fortifications. The Loyalists claim that three planes were brought down by rifle fire.

The Loyalists are heavily out-numbered in the Artesa zone, and are reported to be mobilising additional troops at Barcelona, Falset, Tarragona and Reus, and rushing them to the front in special trains.—*United Press.*

CATALAN DRIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 28.

An official Loyalist *communique* admits that the Insurgents have advanced slightly in the sector at Solera, north-east of Borjas Blancas and Aspa, but claims that they paid heavily for the advances.

All other reports state that the lines are holding firm under heavy pressure from artillery and tank attacks.

A Saragossa message says that it is officially stated that in the Tremp sector, the Insurgents captured the remainder of the Montsech Sierra, including Santa Maria de Meya, and afterwards advanced south and gained the entire Sierra Hanmamet.

North of Blaguer, the Insurgents captured the villages of Alos de Balaguer and Masana.

Reports from Lower Segre indicate that the Insurgents have captured the village of Soleras, south of Torrebeses, and have reached the outskirts of nearby Albages.

ADVANCE ON ALL SECTORS

Burgos reports state that the Insurgents have advanced on all sectors of the Catalan front, and that the offensive continues vigorously. Several kilometres of territory in the northern sector have been seized despite a snowsterm making it difficult to scale the heights over 1,600 metres. Insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as the heights and the village of Flix, the bridge of which was used by the Loyalists in the Ebro battle to establish contact between the two banks.

It is reported that 1,500 perished in to-day's engagement.

Early morning reports received at Barcelona from the Tremp sector show that the Insurgents, after repeated hammering for five days have slightly improved their positions north of Montseeh. They used tanks and infantry and reached the cross-roads.

The Loyalists are immediately preparing for a counter-attack, and are concentrating a company of armoured tanks for the effort.

Fighting is still continuing with the Insurgents losing heavily in hand-to-hand fighting over a very small frozen hillock, which is being tenaciously contested.

According to a Hendaye message, the first phase of General Franco's "end the war" offensive is completed, and leaders are now preparing a second drive designed to change the map of Catalonia.

TRIANGULAR FRONT

Insurgent despatches claim continued successes on the 60-mile front which is gradually shaping itself into a huge triangle, with the apex aimed almost directly at Barcelona.

As the triangle began to take shape, it appeared that the walled town of Cervera, which is almost in the heart of Catalonia, was General Franco's immediate objective.

Despatches also state that the northern wing of Franco's army of 300,000, had swept across the Montseeh mountain range, south-east of Tremp and had captured the villages of Balaguer and Masana, and had prepared to attack Artesa de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Franco's southern wing is reported to be only 30 miles from Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast, and 54 miles from Barcelona, but the forces are heading north to join the northern wing, probably at Cervera.

The object of the drive apparently is to cut off a large slice of Catalonian territory in a scissors movement, and then to press eastward towards the coast.—*United Press.*

GERMAN REPORT

Bilbao, Dec. 28.

The Christmas offensive by General Franco has yielded the following results after four days of battle, says an Insurgent report:

An advance of 18 miles in depth, 6,721 prisoners, and more than 9,000 Loyalist casualties; 32 Loyalist planes were shot down, and another eight are believed to have been destroyed.

The entire region south of Lerida to the Ebro bank near Flix is cleared of Loyalists.

Insurgent infantry is advancing irresistibly.

The defence of the Loyalists is weaker than expected, apparently as a result of heavy losses suffered during the Ebro battle.

The Insurgent advance is now endangering Loyalist communications on the southern Ebro front, and with regard to Lerida.

The retreat of Loyalist forces there seems to be unavoidable in order to escape from encirclement.—*Trans-Ocean.*

HUGE INSURGENT GAINS

Burgos, Dec. 28.

The Insurgent offensive in Catalonia has so far resulted in the Insurgent occupation of 400 square miles of territory, the capture of 7,500 prisoners, and hundreds of tons of material, together with 30 aeroplanes.

The Loyalists are reported to be moving up battalion after battalion to fill the gaps in their ranks.

In the Seroz zone, the Insurgents estimate that a Loyalist army corps must have been practically wiped out.

Two triangular wedges which the Insurgents have thrust into the Loyalist defences in western Catalonia are being driven deeper daily. Already road arteries feeding the Loyalist main defences at Seo-deurgel, and before the towns of Lerida and Balaguer are dangerously threatened.

With good weather and easier country, the Insurgent forces are driving in a southern wedge with Seros Fayon as their base. So far they have made very quick progress, but the advance here has somewhat slowed down at the foot of the hills bordering north Tarragona province.

Insurgent forces entered the outskirts of the town of Granadella at midday to-day.

The northern Insurgent wedge, with its base between Tremp and the confluence of the Moguera and Segre rivers, is progressing somewhat slowly owing to the mountainous country, while temperatures have been as low as 10 degrees below zero. Nevertheless, the capture at the point of the bayonet of Capdela Sierra, an important road junction, has enabled the Insurgents to advance between Tremp and Balaguer.—*Reuter.*

THIS IS THE "MOTHER" OF THE Chinese guerillas, Madame Chao Yu-tang, photographed just before she left Hongkong for the South Seas. She is the moving spirit behind thousands of vigilant guerillas operating throughout China.

AUSTRALIA SWELTERS

PERTH, Dec. 28.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA and New South Wales are sweltering in an unprecedented heat-wave.

The temperature at Perth to-day was 116 degrees Fahrenheit, while in country places in both states the thermometer soared to 119.—United Press.

Big Drop In China's Customs Revenue

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.

FOLLOWING THE FALL of Canton and Hankow, the Chinese Government has lost 84 per cent. of maritime customs earnings throughout China, according to statistics released by the Maritime Customs authorities in connection with China's trade returns for November, this year.

During November, the total proceeds from maritime customs throughout China amounted to 23,300,000 Yuan showing a decrease of 3,000,000 Yuan from October.

The custom earnings registered by the Shanghai Maritime Customs during November totalled 9,900,000 Yuan, which represents 44 per cent. of the whole income in China and which contrasts to 9,700,000 Yuan for October.

The income gained by the stations still under the National Government during November was 16 per cent. of China's total revenue, showing a decrease of 16 per cent. from the previous month. During October the customs income through the Japanese-occupied areas occupied 68 per cent. of the total earnings in China, but in November they accounted for 84 per cent. of the total revenues in the country.

Two major stations in the areas still held by the Chinese Government are Foochow and Swatow.—*Domei.*

AIR MAIL PLANE DUE TO-MORROW

The Imperial Airways plane Delia is expected to arrive at Kai Tak at 2 p.m. to-morrow with mails from all countries, though the majority of the load will be from Australia.

The mail scheduled to arrive here on Saturday has been delayed, and is not expected before Sunday afternoon.

Italian Princess To Wed Soon

Rome, Dec. 28.

The wedding of the youngest daughter of the King and Queen of Italy, Princess Maria of Savoy, with Prince Louis of Bourbon, will, it is announced, take place on January 15.

The bridegroom, who is 39 years of age, is the son of the late Duke Robert of Parma, by the latter's second marriage. His mother is the Infanta Maria Antonia of Portugal, and one of his sister is the ex-Empress Zita of Austria.

The bride is 24 years of age.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Workless Ask For More Dole

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The petition addressed to the King on December 23 by unemployed, requesting an increase in the dole by 4s. 6d. a week for adult persons, and 1s. a week for each child, has elicited a purely formal reply that the King has transmitted the petition to the Cabinet for decision.

A letter sent by the representatives of the unemployed to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, asking him to convene conferences at which the question of increase in unemployment relief could be discussed, has not yet been answered.

In their petition to the King, the workless requested that the dole should be increased before Christmas so as to enable every unemployed Briton to enjoy at least a Christmas meal and to have a warm room, since the temperature outside was considerably below freezing point.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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Britain's 1938 Air Record

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE RECALLED

LONDON, Dec. 28.

DURING the year now closing two world record distance flights established Britain's leading place in aeronautical achievement. The float-plane "Mercury", the upper component of the first short-mayo composite aircraft flew non-stop from Dundee to the mouth of the Orange River, a distance of 6,045 miles, beating the previous seaplane distance record by more than 800 miles.

In November the long-range development flight of the R.A.F. accomplished a flight without parallel in the history of aviation. Three of the long-range flight monoplanes—standard service aircraft with minor modifications for journeys of maximum range—set out from Ismailia to fly to Australia. Two of them flew non-stop to Port Darwin, having covered 7,158 miles by a great circle and 7,350 miles along the route actually flown. They had broken the distance point-to-point record by 853 miles.

THEY NEVER SAW INDIA!

The third, when it descended on the island of Timor as a precautionary measure against possible fuel exhaustion before reaching Australia had also broken the previous record by 353 miles.

Britain holds therefore both landplane and seaplane records. Neither flight was made in ideal conditions. The mercury and long-range monoplanes had to fight head winds most of the way. The landplanes flew thousands of miles through heavy tropical storms and clouds which restricted them for hours at a time to navigation by instruments alone.

They crossed India without seeing it, steering a course above the clouds at a height of 10,000 feet by stellar observations. Nevertheless both records were achieved at a far higher average speed than was attained in any earlier comparable flight. The Mercury averaged 142 m.p.h. and the landplanes no less than 153 m.p.h.—figures which demonstrate aerodynamical efficiency of the aircraft and their high performance in speed as well as in range.

UNORTHODOX INVENTIONS

These historic voyages spectacularly justified two unorthodox British inventions. The Mercury made other flights during the year, notably the return flight across the Atlantic Ocean, and journeys with mails between England and Egypt, which further indicated the feasibility of the composite aircraft idea. At the start of its flight to South Africa the seaplane was carrying 45 lbs. on every square foot of wing area, and 20 lbs. for every horse-power of its 4-Napier rapid H-shaped engines—a combination of wingloading and powerloading which had never previously been carried into the air. It was lifting more than 1½ times its unloaded weight. The record-breaking landplanes were Vickers-Wellesley monoplanes of geodetic construction, powered each with Bristol Pegasus aircooled engines. The geodetic construction invented by Mr. B. N. Wallis and developed by him in conjuction with Vickers company for several years past, ranks as a major discovery. This ingenious method of basketwork building is claimed to produce a structure that is enormously strong and is yet exceptionally light in weight.—*British Wireless.*

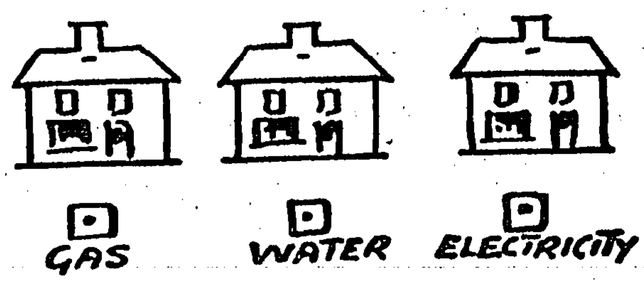
Eire Premier To Visit America

Dublin, Dec. 28.

Mr. Eamon De Valera, the Irish Premier, will arrive in Washington on May 6 next year, and stay there one day as guest of President Roosevelt at the White House, it was officially announced to-day.

Mr. D. Valera will then spend several days in New York, and will probably open the Irish Pavilion at the World Exhibition.—*Trans-Ocean.*

THE PUZZLE THAT NOBODY CAN SOLVE



LAST WEEK we printed a picture problem asking how three houses can be fitted with gas, water, and electricity from the three points without any of the mains crossing.

We warned at the time that it would be a maddening problem. No one succeeded in solving it, although varied "solutions" were submitted.

In every instance it has been taken for granted that one or other of the householders has no objection to—or has given permission for—the mains being carried through or under his house to supply the house next door.

Obviously, though this is a practical, and maybe an ordinary method of dealing with such a situation as the question implies, if this condition is impossible then the puzzle remains a puzzle no longer.

There consequently remains the intriguing problem of laying the three supplies to each house without encroaching on the property on either side.

Hongkong is not the only place to be intrigued by the problem. Believe it or not, when a London paper asked its readers for solutions, one gallantly attempted to do this by carrying his GAS MAIN COMPLETELY ROUND THE EARTH, AND EVEN THEN HE HAD TO PASS IT THROUGH THE CENTRE HOUSE.

Another overcame the difficulty by passing his electric main, not through a house, but through the gas plant. (One spark, and up we all go!)

Still another wrote that throughout the war he carried this puzzle in mind and whiled away many a hour in trying to find a solution, but without success. Always one line had to cross another or pass through a house.

THE PUZZLE STILL REMAINS UNSOLVED.

Jamaica Committee Issues Report

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 28.

The two commissions appointed to investigate respectively the island-wide disturbances in May and June, and the riots on the Frome sugar estate in May, have reported to the Governor.

The report of the first commission shows that in the island disturbances, eight people were killed and 32 wounded, while 745 were arrested. None of the Crown forces was killed, but 109 were injured.

The commission criticises the behaviour of some of the special constables, and suggests that the police force should be increased.

The commission on the Frome riots, in which four persons were killed and 13 injured as a result of the police firing at the demonstrators who were throwing stones, suggests that the police should use tear gas, rather than rifles, and considers a Labour Department a pressing necessity.—*Reuter.*

GAMES AFTERNOON POSTPONED

The St. Andrew's Women's Followship Games Afternoon will not take place this afternoon. It will be held as usual next Thursday afternoon.

SEAMAN FESTIVE SPIRIT

Evening Escapade On Star Ferry

"I realise that I have done wrong and I am very sorry. I want to apologise to those people I have caused troubled to, and also to anybody else."

So stated George Fennessy, 34, seaman of the President Taft, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning after he had pleaded guilty, before Mr. E. Himsworth, to a charge of having been drunk and disorderly.

Fennessy missed his ship on Christmas Day.

Det.-Sergeant Scott said that yesterday evening, Fennessy boarded the Star Ferry "Night Star" at the Hongkong wharf and made his way from the third class to the first class where he was believed to have used abusive language towards the passengers.

When the ferry arrived at Kowloon, Fennessy stood at the entrance of the wharf and accosted some of the passengers who had disembarked, and he was seen to catch hold of a European. He was arrested and was taken to the Water Police Station where he was found to be wet through.

The President Taft is arriving tomorrow and arrangements have been made for Fennessy to rejoin the vessel.

After apologising for any unpleasantness he had caused, Fennessy asked for leniency. He was bound over in $10 to be of good behaviour for a year and was warned against repeating the offence.

Tientsin Assassin Kills Taipan

Tientsin, Dec. 28.

A Chinese gunman in French Concession to-day fired three shots point-blank at Wang Chu-lin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as he stood outside of a cafe, and killed him.

The assassin escaped.

The dead man was a prominent Tientsin industrialist.—*United Press.*

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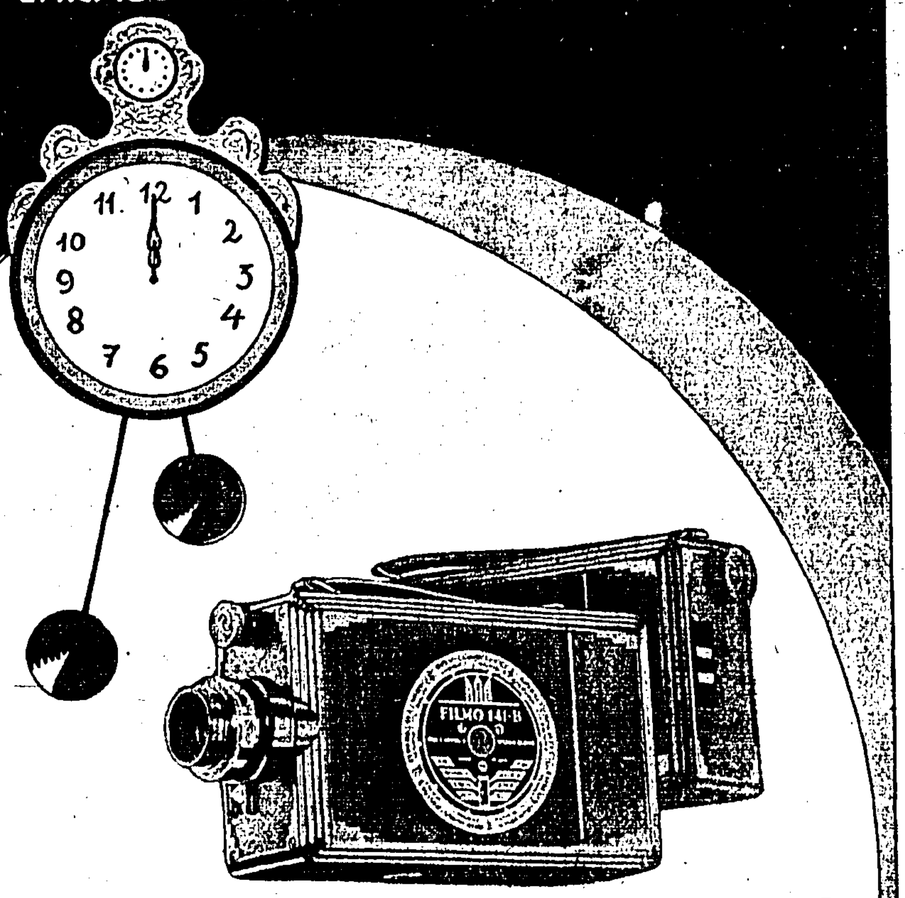

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December 22, 1938.

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R. OHL.
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

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...llowing quotations were ... on the Hongkong Stock ...et this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks, $ .... 1,400 b.
H.K. Banks, Lon. £ ...... 83½ n.
Chartered £ .... 9⅛ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ .... 27¾ n.
Mercantile, C. £ .... 13 n.
East Asia $ .... 88 n.

INSURANCES
Canton $ .... 200 n.
Union $ .... 485 n.
China Underwriters cts. ...... 70 s.
H.K. Fire $ .... 178 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas, $ .... 62 b.
Steamboats .... $18 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. .... $60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D. .... $24 n.
Shell Bearers s/- .... 80/7½ n.
Waterboats .... $9 n

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves $ .... 116 b.
Docks (old) .... $18½ b.
Docks (new) .... $17½ b.
Providents (old) .... $6.35 b.
Providents (new) $ .... 6.15 b.
New Eng. Sh. .... $5.60 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh. .... $100 n.

MINING
Kailan s/- .... 17/6 n.
Raubs .... $9.35 n.
Venz: Goldfield .... $3 n.
Hongkong Mines .... 7½ cts. n.
Antamoks Ps. ex. div. ..... 52 sa.
Atoks Ps. .... 27 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .... —
Benguet Con. Ps. .... 14.30 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .... .51 sa.
Con. Mines Ps. .... .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .... 28 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .... —
Gumaus Ps. .... —
San Mauricio Ps. .... 1.80 sa.
Suyoc Consol Ps. ex.-div. .. 20 sa.
Paracales Ps. .... 61 sa.

LANDS
Hotels $ .... 6.85 s.
Lands $ .... 36 b.
Lands 4% deb. $ .... 107½ n.
Sha. Lands Sh. .... $9¼ n.
Humphreys .... $9 s.
H.K. Realties .... $5 b.
Chinese Estates .... $90 n.

UTILITIES
Tram. $ .... 17.25 b.
Peak Trams (old) .... $6¾ n.
Peak Trams (new) .... $3¼ n.
Star Ferries .... $71½ n.
Y. Ferries (old) .... $22¼ s.
Y. Ferries, (new) .... $22¼ n.
China Light $ .... 9.50 b.
China Light Rights $ .... 3.50 b.
H.K. Electric .... $57¾ s.
Macao Electric .... $17½ n.
Sandakan Lights $ .... 10.60 s.
Telephone (old) $ .... 23 n.
Telephone (new) .... $8.60 n.
Tractions s/- .... 21/3 n.
Singapore Pref., s/- ...... 25/- n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. .. $14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. .. $13 n.
Canton Ices .... $1.70 n.
Cements $ .... 15½ b.
Ropes .... $4.25 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms .... $24.50 s.
Watsons $ .... 7.50 b.
Crawfords .... $8 s.
Sinceres .... $2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) .... $36 n.
Powell, Ltd. cts. .... 90 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Cotton Ex. rt. Sh.$ .... 10¾ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh.$ .... 104 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh.$ .... 24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.$ .... 40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments $ .... 6.00 b.
Constructions, $ .... 1¾ s.
Vibro Piling $ .... 6.50 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925
G$ Bonds .... 75⅛ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan .. 6% prm. b.
H.K. Govt. 3½% .... par b.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/- .. 15/10½ n.
Marsmans (H.K.), s/- .... 3/- n.

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

	Business Done Prices in Pesos Dec. 28	Dec. 29.
Antamok	.52	.53
Atok	.27	.26½
Baguio Gold	Unq.	.23½
Benguet Cons.	14.30	14.20
Coco Grove	.51	.51
Consolidated Mines	.003	.003
Demonstration	.28	Unq.
I.X.L.	Unq.	.63
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	.13
San Mauricio	1.80	1.78
Suyoc	.20	.20
United Paracale	.61	.61

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market was quiet but steady with Antamok being the only stock to show a gain, it being one centavo. All the others were unchanged or down a few centavos. The Manila market will be closed on the 31st instant and January 2nd.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

After the rather prolonged holiday, the market opened unexpectedly steady, with the lower-priced stocks taking the lead in the enquiries. The session was too short for the market to get into its stride, but closes quite steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,375
Douglases $62
H.K. & K. Wharves $115
H.K. Docks (Old) $18¼
H.K. Docks (New) $17¼
Providents (Old) $6.35
Providents (New) $6.15
H. & S. Hotels $6.60
H.K. Lands $36
H.K. Realties $5
H.K. Tramways $17.10
China Lights $9½
Watsons $7.45
Entertainments $6.00
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par.

Sellers

Hongkong Bank $1,400
China Underwriters $0.70
Providents (New) $6.20
H. & S. Hotels $6⅞
Humphreys $9
Yaumati Ferries (Old) $22⅜
China Lights $9.70
H.K. Electrics $57⅞
Sandakan Lights $10.00
Cements $15½
Dairy Farms $24½
Lane, Crawfords $8
Constructions $1⅜

Sales

H.K. Tramways $17.20
Watsons $7.45
Antamoks Ps. .51
Benguet Consolidated 14.30
Coco Grove .52
Consolidated Mines .003
San Mauricio 1.82
United Paracale .62

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London 1s. 2⅞
Demand 1s. 2⅞
T.T. Shanghai ...... 172 Nom.
T.T. Singapore 53⅛
T.T. Japan 106¼
T.T. India 83
T.T. U.S.A. 28⅞
T.T. Manila 57⅞
T.T. Batavia 53⅛
T.T. Bangkok 149⅝
T.T. Saigon 100
T.T. France 10.90
T.T. Germany 71⅞
T.T. Switzerland 127½
T.T. Australia 1/0½

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London 1/3⅛
4 m/s D/p do. 1/3.5/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A. 29⅛
4 m/s France 11.45
30 d/s India 84½
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NEW ADVENTURE BY NAZIS SEEN

LONDON, Dec. 29.

MR. A. J. CUMMINGS, the well known political writer, commenting in his "Spotlight on Politics" column in the News Chronicle on Mr. Vernon Bartlett's speculation on Nazi intentions against Holland or Belgium, said to-day:

"My own most recent information from Germany is that the proposed threat against the west is strongly favoured by the more aggressive elements in the Nazi group around Herr Hitler.

"It is prompted by Germany's economic position.

"Some time ago Hitler rejected Dr. Schacht's recommendation that the Reichsmark should be devalued and that a large part of the armament industry should be diverted into normal trade channels.

"The Nazi alternative is another external adventure, by which it is hoped to secure material assistance from the democratic Powers.

"The threat against the West would be dramatised by mass flights of aeroplanes along the Rhine and other military demonstrations, and then, when Great Britain and France have been reduced to the proper condition of agonised suspense, the hint would emerge from behind the smoke screen that the warlike action might be called off on the basis of substantial—chiefly British—economic and financial concessions.

"There will be no German attack on Russia and no serious risk of provoking Russia will be taken.

"Do not be surprised if Germany seeks before long an economic agreement with Russia. Who can say what the response will be?

"The surest way of throwing Russia and Germany together is to cold-shoulder the one great Power in Europe whose foreign policy is without reproach.

"The British and French Governments must make up their minds as soon as possible whether they are going to co-operate diplomatically with Russia or leave her out of account.

"Whichever way it goes, the decision will be a momentous one."—*Reuter.*

GIVEN A CHANCE

Unemployed Man Who Solicited

A Chinese, Chan Kam-ming, 36, unemployed, who claimed to have come from Sydney, Australia, and whose address in Hongkong was given as Shanghai Street, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with soliciting for an immoral purpose at Des Voeux Road Central.

It was said that the defendant approached a military police lance-corporal, and asked if he wanted a woman.

Chan pleaded guilty, but asked for a chance, saying that he had not committed such an offence before. Questioned by the Magistrate, he said he was formerly employed at the Lin Ma Hang mines in the New Territories, but had been out of employment for five months. He had been living on what he had managed to save of his wages but this had all been used up. Defendant also had a family to support.

Sub-Inspector R. McEwen said he did not doubt that Chan's case was one of genuine distress. The man had several letters in his possession that indicated he had tried to obtain work.

Chan, who spoke fairly good English, was bound over to be of good behaviour. Deciding on this course, his Worship told Chan he was giving him a chance, and warned him not to let him down, Mr. Forrest also granted Chan $5 from the Poor Box.

KWANGTUNG BATTLE: JAPANESE WITHDRAW FROM TSENGSHING

(Continued from Page 1.)

way to Taning, captured Tumentsun on Tuesday.

On the other hand, Chinese sources claim that the Japanese attempt to force a crossing of the Yellow River has encountered strong resistance.

Fighting, according to the latest military despatches, has spread to Tungyumen, which has been severely bombed by Japanese warplanes in the past two days.

Large Japanese reinforcements are reported to be pouring into the Hotsin area. In the Tumen sector, the Chinese who abandoned their battered positions have now established a new line in the vicinity.

POSITION UNSATISFACTORY

Peiping, Dec. 28.

General Sugiyama in a press interview to-day denied that fighting in China had ended.

He said that the Japanese position in North China was unsatisfactory, but he did not indicate whether it was planned to cross the Yellow River.

However he pointed out that the Japanese were still fighting General Yen Hsi-shan's forces in Shansi.

He said that discussion of the new heads of the North China regime was premature, and that the most important thing at the present was to "get the peoples' lives back to normal."

Meanwhile Hsin Min-hui has telegraphed the Japanese Government pledging support for the Japanese plan to establish a "new order" in East Asia. He has also requested the provisional governments in China to call a national assembly in order to make peace with the Central Government.—*United Press.*

RAIDS ON TREES

Batch of Offenders Punished

A fine of $10 with the alternative of a month's hard labour was imposed on Pun Yau, 45, and Kwong Ching, 40, both unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when they admitted a charge of possession of a pine tree at Pokfulum.

Two other men, Chan Hung, 23, and Shek Lam, 23, were both sentenced to a month's hard labour without the option of a fine for the joint possession of 189 catties of wild tree wood at Wanchai. One was said to have had a saw and the other a chopper.

Fung Wah, 44, also charged with possession of tree wood, was sentenced to five weeks' hard labour. He had a previous conviction. Four other men, charged with possession of smaller quantities of tree wood, were each fined $6 or three weeks' hard labour in default.

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Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	December 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 29.
Amoy	Taima	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Shanghai	M/V Nanking	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Hoihow	Muinam	December 31.
Java	Tjisalak	December 31.
Straits	Aushun	January 1.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Saigon	Laos	January 1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	January 1.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	January 2.
Japan	Manila Maru	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 3.
Straits	Titan	January 3.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 10th December).	Pres. Van Buren	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Norviken	Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29. K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29. K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	Thurs., Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Fort Bayard and Hoihow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kiangsu	Fri., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m. Reg Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec., 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Papers for Straits and Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Taima	Fri., Dec. 30. Parcels, Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Papers Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	Fri., Dec. 30. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels, Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Reg., Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m. Ord., Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Menelaus	Fri., Dec. 30, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco 19th	Pres Taft	Sat., Dec. 31. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels, Dec. 31, 3.00 p.m. Reg. Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m. Ord. Dec. 31, 6.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" —due San Francisco 8th January.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Dec. 31. K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 31, 5 p.m. Ord., Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Dec. 31, 5 p.m. Ord., Jan. 1, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Soochow	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2. K.P.O. Rec. Jan. 2, Noon. Ord., Jan. 2, 1 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Jan. 2, Noon. Ord., Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2. K.P.O. Reg., Jan. 2, Noon. Ord., Jan. 2, 1 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Jan. 2, Noon. Ord., Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Tientsin	Taksang	Mon., Jan. 2, 1 p.m.

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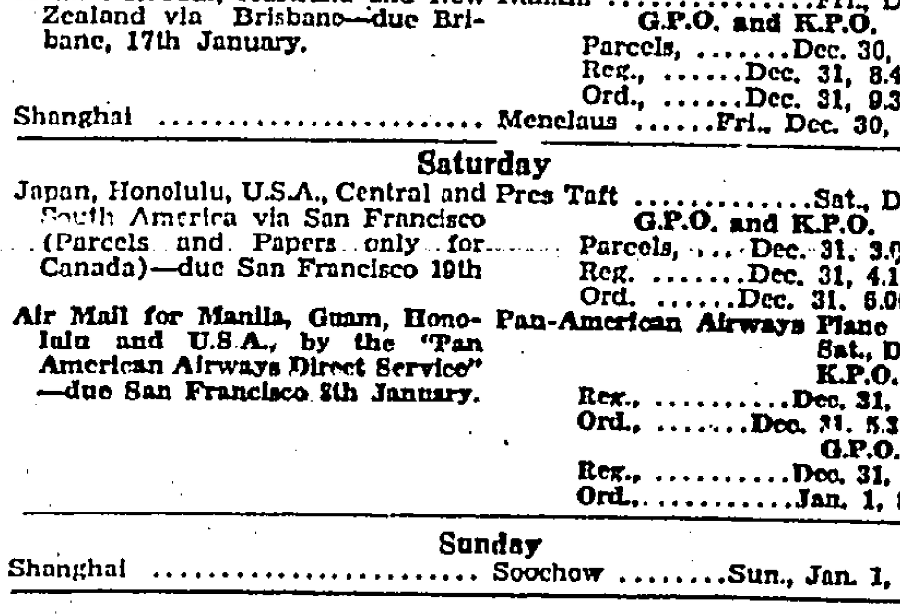

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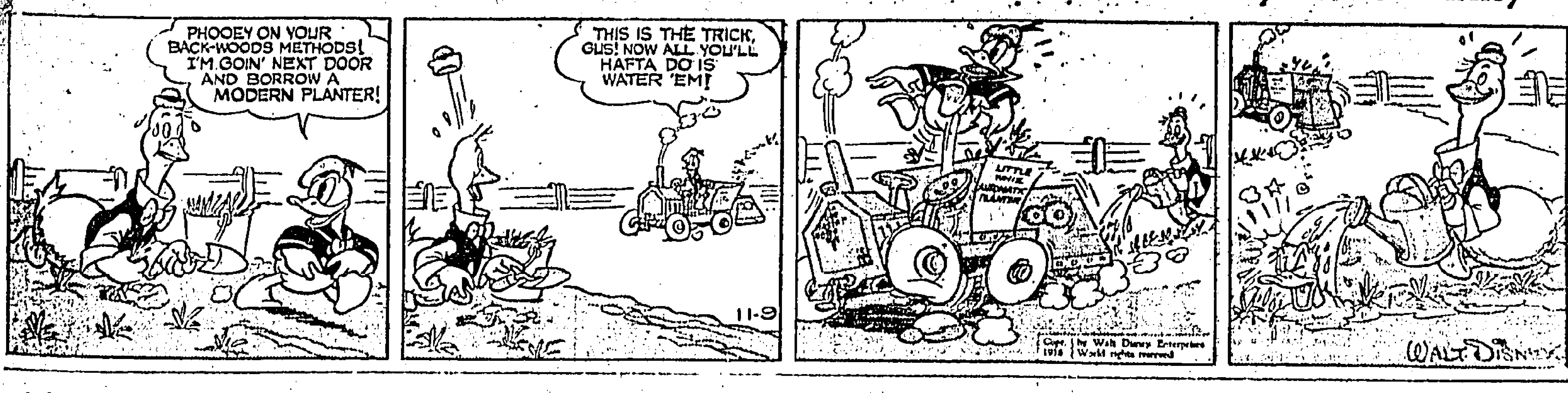

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America Fails At Lima Says Germany

Berlin, Dec. 28.

The "defeat of the United States' anti-totalitarian aims" at the Lima conference continues to be the theme of satisfied press comment.

The "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz" expresses joy at the "limitations" of the declaration on American solidarity.

Other papers remark that the attitude of the South American States was strongly influenced by a reluctance to endanger economic relations with the non-American countries.

The "Lokalan Zeiger" says that the South-American States are not prepared to abandon political and economic independence, to become dependent on North America.—*Reuter.*

U.S. PRESS SCEPTICAL

New York, Dec. 28.

The satisfaction shown in Washington with the results of the Lima conference is not shared by the American press, which almost unanimously points out that the conference was a disappointment.

Even the pro-Roosevelt "New York Post" states that the Lima conference resolutions mean nothing because it is certain already that many of them will be rejected by the South American governments.—*Trans-Ocean.*

ITALIAN TRADE PACT WITH URUGUAY

London, Dec. 28.

While the German press makes no attempt to conceal its satisfaction at what it calls the "failure of he United States at the Lima conference," it is reported from Rome that Italy and Uruguay have signed a new trade agreement.

The agreement it is stated, envisages increased trade between the two countries. The turn-over during the past few years has amounted to £1,280,000 a year.—*Reuter Special.*

TURKISH MINISTERS RESIGN

Ankara, Dec. 28.

It is officially announced that the Turkish Minister for Education, and the Minister for Economics have resigned because of ill health.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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Japanese Offer Wang "A Good Job"

TIENTSIN, Dec. 29.

JAPANESE sponsored newspapers in North China continue to give prominence to reports that Wang Ching-wei has had differences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and, as a result, has left China for good.

The Japanese Army organ, the Yung Pao, says: "We will give Wang Ching-wei a good job and forgive him for his past association with the Chiang Kai-shek regime if he decides to come north."—*United Press.*

FINANCIAL STABILITY OF FRANCE

Finance Minister On Rehabilitation

PARIS, Dec. 28.

A STRONG plea for the rehabilitation of France's financial and economic position was made by M. Paul Reynaud, the French Finance Minister in his address to the Senate to-day on the budget estimates for 1939.

France, he declared, which had been brought to the verge of ruin by an economic and financial crisis lasting over a period of seven years, was now faced with the necessity of having to increase its army estimates for the coming year to 41 milliard francs.

He pointed out, by way of comparison, that the burden of the last war amounted to only 15 milliard francs.

In his effort to find money to pay for the big public works at St. Hemes, and for subsidising various branches of industry, he was confronted with the fact that there existed a considerable discrepancy between the revenue and the financial requirements of the State. The State, he said, had become both a banker and a labour exchange bureau, but had failed to energise production, while its policy of price control had led to the closing of many undertakings.

France, asserted the Finance Minister, had been augmenting its national debt by 18 milliard francs a year. Whereas in 1931 the value of its gold and foreign exchange holdings held by the Bank of France, amounted to 220 milliard francs, this sum by November 1938 had sunk to 80 milliard francs. France, he said, had rejected the proposal of introducing currency and foreign exchange control, as this was felt to be incompatible with democratic government.

In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the financial and economic rehabilitation of the country would be possible of achievement under a democratic regime.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Russo-Japanese Parleys To Resume

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia regarding the renewal of the fisheries convention will be resumed next year, according to an agreement reached in Moscow, says the semi-official Japanese news agency.

The report adds that it is hoped that before the beginning of the new fishing season, the basis of a treaty in the form of a *modus vivendi* will be found, safeguarding Japanese fishing rights in Bering, Okhotsk and the Japan seas.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Chinese Soldier In H.K. Hospital

Suffering from a bullet wound received when fighting against Japanese troops at Po On a month ago, a Chinese soldier, Lo Yau, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

3 Years' Sentence On Thieves

POSED AS POLICE OFFICERS

Found guilty of what the Judge described as a bare-faced, impudent daylight robbery, Yiu Kim-kwong, 29, clerk, and Ho Ching-ling, 32, theatre attendant, were each sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused were stated to have held up a motor lorry in Shaukiwan on November 5, by posing as policemen, and robbed Chan Wun and Yeung Tit, shop fokis, of 20 bags of wolfram ore, three baskets of eggs and three bags of duck feathers.

First accused told the Court that on the day before the robbery, he was asked by a friend named Koo to go to Shaukiwan to catch traitors who had repeatedly smuggled wolfram ore to Japan. He admitted having held up the lorry with seven others, including the second accused, but said that his motive was purely patriotic.

He told the victims they were policemen, the reason for this being that they wanted to seize the wolfram ore and dump it into the harbour, as he had known the Police seldom take action about such matter. The fact that the wolfram ore was neither dumped into the harbour nor handed to the Police was not his fault as he was not in charge.

Second accused alleged that he was told by the first prisoner to accompany him to Shaukiwan to catch traitors. As Yiu was a police reservist, he believed him and did not know they were going to rob.

The Jury found both prisoners guilty, and passing sentence, His Lordship said: You have been found guilty on clear evidence of having committed a bare-faced, impudent daylight robbery, and this is made much more grave by the fact that you impersonated police officers. Were it not for that, I might have been able to regard the offence as not very serious because no great damage was done to anyone, but if people pose as police officers then they must take the consequences for doing so.

Reincarnation Of Dalai Lama

Chungking, Dec. 29.

By a mandate issued yesterday the National Government appointed General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and Reting (Je-chen) Hutukutu, the present temporal and spiritual head of Tibet, to handle affairs relating to the new reincarnation of the Dalai Lama.

The last Dalai Lama, the thirteenth holder of the title, passed away at Lhasa, capital of Tibet, on December 17, 1933.—*Central News.*

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New York, Dec. 28.

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July (1939) ..	7.87/86	8.00/00
Oct. (1939) ..	7.54/54	7.68/68
Dec. (1939) ..	7.57/57	7.71 N
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	Opening	Closing
Mar. (1939) ..	16.55/56	16.53/53
May	16.48/40	16.40b/43a
Sept.	———	16.40b/45a
Oct.	———	16.40 A

Sales for the day:—860 tons.

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	Opening	Closing
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July	68/68⅛	68¼/68⅜
Sept.	———	69/69

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Chicago Corn

	Opening	Closing
May	52⅝/52¾	53/53
July	53⅝/53⅝	53⅞/53⅞
Sept.	———	54⅜/54¾

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing
Dec.	———	61½/61⅝
May	62⅞/63	63⅛/63⅛
July	63½/63⅝	63⅝/63⅝

Hand Grenade Thrown Into Police Station

Prague, Dec. 28.

CZECHO-SLOVAK police authorities announced to-night that on Tuesday night, a hand grenade was thrown by unknown persons into the Polish customs house at Michalkovice at the Polish-Czecho-Slovak frontier.

The explosion wounded three Polish frontier guards.

A flying squad rushed up with armoured cars and an ambulance which brought the wounded Poles into the Teschen hospital.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Alleged Blackmailers Arrested

New York, Dec. 28.

Belligerent and uncommunicative Mary Branding, aged 37, her brother Joseph, aged 61, and Walter Cragg (56) are being held on a charge of fraud, while the authorities to-day sought five more alleged blackmailers, who reputedly extorted $150,000 a year from Philip Musica, alias Coster, President of the McKesson, Robbins Drug Corporation, who committed suicide, by threatening to expose his dual identity.

Joseph Branding brandished a board when the police arrived to arrest him, but he was quickly disarmed.

His sister Mary is reported to have received $8,000 last year from Musica, according to the police.—*United Press.*

American Fleet Puts To Sea

New York, Dec. 28.

The American Pacific fleet started to-day to leave the Californian harbour of San Diego and the Bay of San Pedro for manoeuvres in Atlantic waters, which are expected to last from January 1 until June.

The first ships to leave were the auxiliaries and small units. Other men-of-war will pass through the Panama Canal during the next few days.

The battleships will leave in the middle of next week.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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12.46 Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Festival In Seville (Albeniz, arr. Stokowski); Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz. (Strauss)....conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

1 Time and Weather.

1.03 Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Walter Glynne (Tenor).

The Music Comes (O. Strauss); Her First Dance (Heykens)....Marek Weber and His Orchestra; The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott)....Walter Glynne (Tenor) with Piano; Musical Box (Heykens); Springtime Serenade (Heykens)....Marek Weber and His Orchestra; A Dream Of Paradise (Gray and Littleton); Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly)....Walter Glynne (Tenor) with Organ and Male Chorus; To-Night—Tango (Lesso-Valerio); Zigeuner, You Have Stolen My Heart—Tango (Grothe)....Marek Weber and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Max Miller, Jimmie Rodgers, Judy Garland and Jay Wilbur and His Band.

Dance Orchestra—I'm Happy When You're Happy—Fox-Trot (from 'Hide and Seek'); The First Time I Saw You—Fox-Trot (from 'Toast of New York')....Jay Wilbur and His Band; Comedian—The Christmas Dinner (Miller); Just Another Sally (Carlton)....Max Miller with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Sympathy—Waltz (from 'Firefly'); That Old Feeling (from 'Vogues of 1938')—Fox-Trot....Jay Wilbur and His Band with vocal refrain; Yodler—Prairie Lullaby (Hill); Down The Old Road To Home (Harvey)....Jimmie Rodgers with His Guitar; Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Brooks); Stompin' At The Savoy (Sampson)....Judy Garland with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—With "Mary" Tattooed On His Arm (Trafford, Ives); So Many Memories (Woods)....Jay Wilbur and His Band with vocal chorus.

2.15 Close Down.

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7.45 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Visioni—Waltz (Malvezzi); Interval Pastorale (arr. Lane Wilson) ....Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by George Reeves; 2. Carovana—Festosa (Luigi Avitabile).

8 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

3. Intermezzo (Jessel); 4. Boston Waltz (Weber); Interval Nuit D'Espagne (from 'Scenes Pittoresques'—Massenet) ....Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano; 5. L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1 (Bizet).

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog.'

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9 London Relay—Harry Evans 'And a Piano.'

9.15 London Relay—'World Affairs.' A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) and Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

Fisher-Ways (Schubert); The Fishermaiden; The Secret (Schubert) ....Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Goenrand V. Bos.; Hungarian Dance No. 7 In A Major (Brahms); Zapateado, Op. 23 (Sarasate) ....Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.

10.05 Egon Petri at the Piano.

Sonata In C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight") (Beethoven—Op. 27, No. 2).

10.21 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

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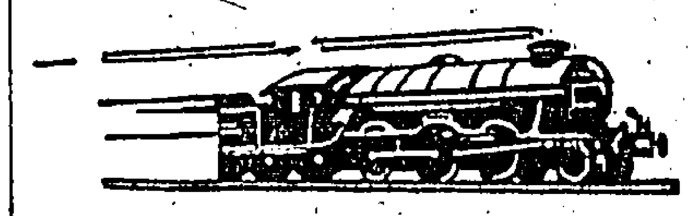

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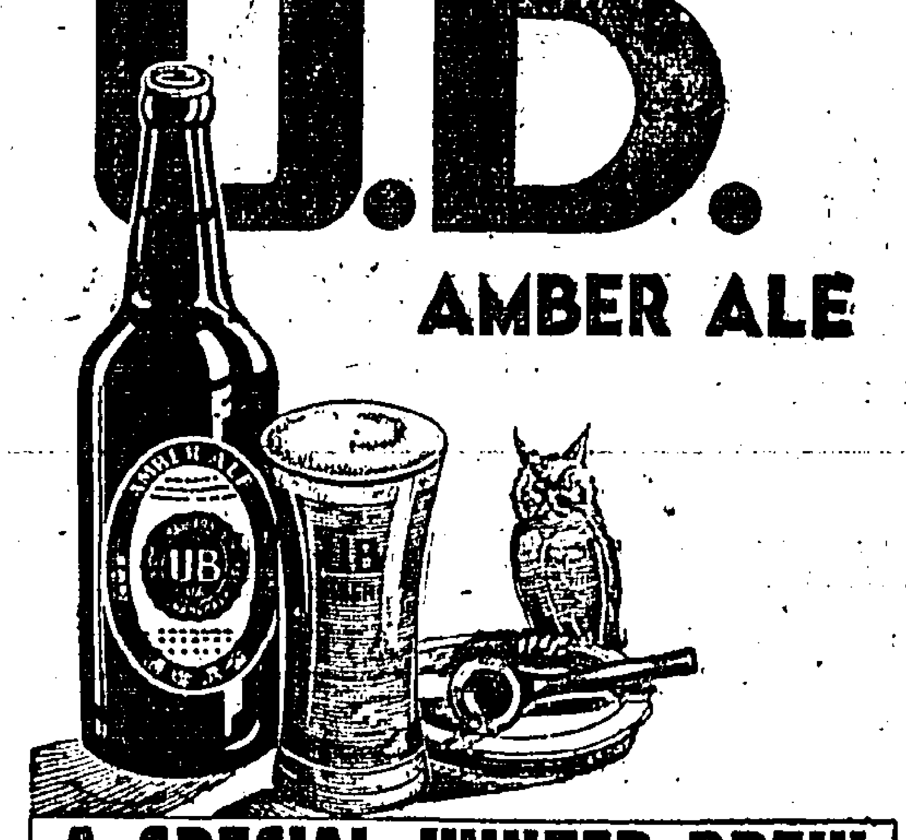

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Black Man's Continent

THE DEY OF ALGIERS hit the French Consul on the head with his fly-swatter.

They had been arguing (it was 1832) over a little matter connected with a bill for grain, and the conversation had become heated.

There was a diplomatic incident, a blockade of Algiers, and a shot was fired. A French Expeditionary Force landed, and the conquest of this part of the African coast began.

That fly-swatter ought to rank with the Serajevo bullet. It started one of the most drama-packed incidents of the history of the world—the carve-up of the continent of Africa among European nations.

It has a very special interest to-day, because France and Italy are now wrangling over Djibouti.

The last independent African kingdom disappeared when Italy annexed Abyssinia. Now there's nothing left to wrangle over but the other man's possessions.

Why is Italy so anxious to obtain possession of this small, arid French Colony, which breeds nothing but goats, grows nothing but a small quantity of gum?

It is waterless save along the southern frontier, where lies British Somaliland. It is a chaotic mass of volcanic rocks, destitute of vegetation and presenting in places a scene of weird desolation.

Italy cannot possibly want French Somaliland—and threaten even to go to war to get it—for its resources or for colonisation purposes.

No, that is not the reason. It has a harbour, Djibouti. It has a railway terminal (the other end of which is at Addis Ababa, capital of Italy's newest Colony)—also Djibouti. Most important of all, it has a city which, if fortified, will become to the Suez Canal and Red Sea what Gibraltar has become to the Mediterranean—also Djibouti.

Italian Somaliland, which has a coastline of 1,200 miles, has no harbour, no railway, no port which can be turned into a fortified naval base. Eritrea has a port—Massawa—but between it and the hinterland lies a chain of almost unsurmountable mountains.

France holds, in Djibouti, the key that can close the door to Abyssinia. Italy wants that key.

INHOSPITABLE SEA

A steamer alongside the quay at Djibouti

THERE are few less hospitable places in the world than the Red Sea and its coasts, even in the winter, let alone in midsummer. Through this inhospitable sea Italian and French troops would pour into Djibouti, seaport of French Somaliland, and Massawa, seaport of Eritrea, if it comes to a show-down between the two countries.

The heat is a torment, the very breeze scorches, like the hot air barbers blow on to your hair to dry off a shampoo. You seem to breathe in dust, hopelessness, so that the back of the mouth is everlastingly dry. The sun beats down with a relentless, dazzling monotony, and you have not even the satisfaction of knowing that nightfall will bring relief.

For night, too, is hot, sullenly, heavily hot, and the stars seem beady, like eyes in a fat, perspiring face. Flies settle languidly on features too languid to twitch them away and fans just stir up the sultriness. Trying to think is like trying to drive a car through fog.

I have known such heat in Upper Egypt when the temperature was 115 deg. in the shade, and when, waking up at daybreak on the roof of a house where I slept, I looked over the desert, seeing the grey dawn like a threat and the sun come up, fiery, a doom and an abomination

Then the interminable waste of sand all round seemed a fitting background, it parched too, it also a victim of the relentless sun; and life became cruel and simplified, and there was no luxuriance, no rich, tangled jungle, no fertility even anywhere; only heat and glare and sand.

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Even passengers in luxuriously equipped liners, with ice and fans and nothing to do but loll on deck, find the Red Sea intolerable when there is a following wind.

To add to everything else a sort of saltiness in the air makes it sticky, unsavoury to breathe. It is not uncommon, in such circumstances, for a liner to stop, turn round, and let the following wind blow through it for half an hour so as to get an airing.

On shore, no such devices are possible. Italian and French soldiers packed in Massawa and Djibouti just have to endure, languidly watching the arrival of more ships and waiting with tepid water to drink and food mostly shipped from Europe to eat.

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Flying over such places, it seems extraordinary that they support life at all. You see nothing but desolation, an occasional shadow where a few trees are, a cluster of houses by the sea coast.

It seems quite strange, landing, to find men, black and thick-featured and impassive-looking, clustering round the place, and to realise that somehow or other they manage to extract from such barren surroundings the wherewithal to keep alive.

The Red Sea ports—Port Sudan, Massawa, Assab, Djibouti, Berbera, Aden—all look very much alike passing by them—a sea-front, a row of palm trees, white houses, little encampments of what is called civilisation existing precariously on the edge of desolation.

The European officials who come on board have a white, tired look. Their faces bear the marks of much boredom endured. It is not difficult to imagine what their lives are like, for life for a European in the East does not vary much as between one small station and another.

Nor does it vary much as between one European and another. Your Frenchman or Italian may look rather more soiled and creased than your Englishman, be more inclined to sit in pyjamas in the evenings, have a more indolent, frankly perspiring, frankly homesick, forlorn air. But for all there is at the same round of sunset drinks, the same monotonous hospitality, a sense of being transplanted in an uncongenial, unfruitful soil.

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Even the recent Abyssinian War would not revive these sleepy, unappetising regions. An Englishman who went to Massawa during the conflict described to me how the place still seemed dead, despite the ships packed in the harbour and the wharf loaded with a jumbled variety of goods, from foodstuffs to road material.

He wandered about, and found a little sultry bar, and five Europeans in the bar. They had not had a proper meal for five days. He took them on board his ship and fed them. They were enormously grateful.

Looking at the Red Sea and its little sleepy ports, which might be uninhabited for all the activity they show during most of the day, thinking of that parched, deserted earth, the traveller marvels that here should be the first stage in a conflict that has already shaken the whole European system.

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Kipling has a story about three men who, as an experiment, set out to make an obscure village famous by putting it about that the village had unanimously voted the world to be flat. Their project was a complete success. Charabancs brought parties of visitors to the village, it figured in headlines and in music-hall songs, even in the proceedings of Parliament.

It is in the same way that the Eritrea-Somaliland coast became famous. Newsboys shouted it, and children played at launching attacks from it; it figured in the writings and speeches of statesmen. Yet it is now what it was before—the edge of a narrow sea where heat seems to get canalised, dry and unprofitable, a sea dividing the civilisation of Europe from the civilisation of Asia, and partaking of neither, with the wildness of Africa on one side and an immense desert on the other.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Eat at the Captain's table? I should say not—we ain't used to eating with the help!"

T. Paul Gregory Tells of

Hongkong's Most Famous Pirate

NOTHING is more dreaded by peaceful mariners than the cry of "Pirates ahoy!" The utterance of these words chills the heart, and the mind recalls with dread half-forgotten episodes in the history of the sea: memories of buccaneering raids, of surprises in the dark, the pillaging of ships, the slaughter of captains and crews, and stories of passengers being kidnapped and held for ransom.

Nowadays, of course, this cry is seldom heard; for piracy is practically an occurrence of the past. Yet some seventy or eighty years ago, when the waters around this Colony, were the *rendezvous* for as bloodthirsty a lot of fierce-sea-rovers as could be found anywhere, it must have been heard with despairing frequency. That was an era of piratical coups, carried out by well-organised gangs, under the leadership of able and ruthless men.

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ONE of these old-time pirate chiefs was Ma-chow Wong, a man whom Europeans of that day nicknamed "the grass-cutter" in allusion to the fact that he had once naively explained his presence in some forbidden cove by saying that he had gone there "to gather fuel."

Ma-chow Wong, whose real name was Wong A-kei, was said to have been born in the San-on district of Kwangtung about the year 1822. Practically nothing is known of his early life, but it is thought that his residence in Hongkong began about the time this Colony became a British possession.

We do know, however, that by the year 1845 when he was 23 years of age, he had already become acquainted with Mr. D. R. Caldwell, then Chinese Interpreter, who was to serve as his patron and confidential adviser for many years.

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YOUNG Wong was in every way a man of parts, and by the time that he was twenty-seven was well established as a Hongkong merchant. It is likewise possible that he had already embarked upon his piratical career, but in those days he was but a small-fry corsair, and it was not until the next decade that he managed to blossom forth as the most feared buccaneer along the South China coast. He was fortunate, too, in his dealings with the law, and although he was arrested in 1847 on a suspicion of fraud in connection with some merchandise purchased by his shop, he was speedily released. It is to be suspected, as some have hinted, that his friend, Mr. Caldwell had a great deal to do with his discharge from official custody: for it is certain that by this time, they had become "blood brothers" by adoption, and Wong had further sealed their intimacy by presenting his sister in marriage to him.

Needless to say that by the advent of the 'fifties, Wong was securely ensconced in his position as a local buccaneer. His fleet of swift, piratical lorchas, manned by trusty crews ensured for him a steady stream of loot, so that his warehouse on the Praya was always full. Not even Jean Lafitte, the most successful pirate of the Louisiana coast, was more fortunate than he: for his shop in Queen's Road provided the most effective cloak for the concealment of his real activities. What is more, the infinite variety, and the remarkably low prices of his goods, proved unusually attractive, and under such circumstances the business of Wong and Co. flourished.

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IN the meantime, he had become known throughout the Colony not only as a prosperous merchant and ship-owner, but also as a suspected Imperial spy on behalf of the Chinese Government. That he was especially loyal to the Manchu cause is shown by the preferential treatment accorded to him in later years, but that is another episode in his life.

Singularly enough, the phenomenal prosperity of Ma-chow Wong lasted for only seven years, and then the wheel of fortune suddenly ceased to turn any longer in his favour.

Ignominy, too, was to be his lot, and it all came about through the accidental arrest of a young American, who was later proven to be none other than Eli Boggs, the pirate. This man was in due course convicted of his crimes, and while awaiting deportation to America, in the course of a conversation with his gaolers, he related a strange tale of how he had seen the ostensibly respectable Chinese merchant Ma-chow Wong on previous piratical forays, and how he (Wong) had directed the operations which led to the capture of a certain vessel and the seizure of her cargo of sugar, and the murder of many of her crew. Such statements as these were at first regarded as highly improbable, but on being further investigated, the truth was elicited: and Ma-chow Wong was brought under arrest. In connection with the case, Mr. Charles May, the Superintendent of Police, and Mr. A. L. Inglis; the Governor of Victoria Gaol issued the following amazing summary of the affair:

"Ma-chow Wong has been apprehended and his house searched, the books and papers being seized, amongst the latter are some papers *in Mr. Caldwell's writing, showing that he had taken a direct interest in the business of.*

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JAPAN MOBILISES EVERY RESOURCE

Totalitarianism Comes To Nation As Money Tightens

DRASTIC RESULT OF CHINA WAR

TOKYO, Dec. 28.

PRACTICALLY FULL INVOCATION of the National General Mobilisation Act will be made early next year following approval by the National Mobilisation Council of six new draft Imperial Ordinances relating to the enforcement of Articles 6, 10, 11 and 13 of the Act.

The six Imperial Ordinances relate, respectively, to the control of wages, restriction of working hours in factories, restriction of dividends by business corporations, appropriation of factories and workshops, appropriation of land, buildings and various establishments and requisitioning of commodities.

It is pointed out that invocation of the mobilisation articles is inspired to concentrate Japan's entire economic resources for the building up of a new order in East Asia.

The measures will be executed in conjunction with the 3-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries which was approved and referred to the Government on Tuesday by the Planning Board.

To-day's session of the National Mobilisation Council to approve the Imperial Ordinance plans was held at 9.45 a.m. at the official residence of Premier Konoye.

Upon invocation of the new provisions, all business corporations with capitals exceeding 200,000 Yen will be prohibited from declaring dividends over 10 per cent. per annum, while further increase in the rate of dividend will be denied those corporations which are at present paying more than 10 per cent. dividends per annum.—*Domei.*

NAZIS FRONT-PAGE 'BRUTAL' BRITISH

(Continued from Page 1.)

headlines in recent Berlin newspapers:

Volkischer Beobachter, official Nazi organ: "Inhuman suppression methods of the English against the Arabs. Eight houses blown up by British military. House searchings continue in Palestine. English history an example of unbroken tyranny."

'RULE OF VIOLENCE'

The 12-Uhr Blatt, popular midday paper: "Answer to England's barbaric methods as we see them and the rest of Europe does not want to continue seeing them."

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Foreign Office organ: "Brutal suppression of the Arab fighters for freedom."

The Lokal Anzeiger: "England's bloody regime of violence in Palestine."

Angriff, Dr. Goebbels's newspaper: "1,089 Arabs shot in four months. The 'humane' English in Palestine. Brutal policy of suppression."

Add the Volkischer Beobachter: "In England they accuse us of brutal violence and set themselves up as the judges of humanity and decency. However, the English people have plenty of reason to be indignant concerning their own cruelty towards other nations. On foreign soil they blow up houses, hang out of hand those fighting for the justice and freedom of their land and direct an atrocity regime which leaves bloody tracks throughout Palestine."

'BOERS KILLED OFF'

After referring to the "thousands of women and children killed with shells and bombs in Waziristan," the paper continues: "World history has not forgotten the cruelty of the English in India, where they tied helpless prisoners in front of the muzzles of guns, and then fired them off. Also the atrocities in the Transvaal, where the Boer families were slowly but surely killed off in concentration camps.

"The English have cause enough to mind their own business. They ought finally to leave us in peace from their schoolmasterly admonitions and their arrogant criticism, which embitter us very much."

"PINCH OF ADVENTURE IN CHINA," SAYS LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 29.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH", in an editorial on Japan's new step to mobilise her economic resources, says that shorn of circumlocution, it means that Japan is feeling the pinch of the adventure in China, and sees herself compelled to bring her productive system under the rigid control of the Government.

"The step is not altogether surprising, for the Government appears to be doing no more than exercise in full the powers already conferred on it, but which hitherto have been only partly implemented.

"Clearly Japan is about to resort to what we would call war-time economy, but what, in her case, more likely portends a permanent state regulation of her economic life, at any rate as long as the present semi-dictatorial regime remains in power.

"Japan, it is true, has not yet adopted a professedly totalitarian system, but she is taking a long step towards the German example."—*Reuter.*

DARING S'HAI COUP BY BANDIT GANG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.

VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATING the extent to which armed crime has increased in the western boundaries of the International Settlement, fringing the Japanese-controlled areas in recent weeks, there occurred yesterday a daring hold-up, almost unprecedented in the history of Shanghai.

A line of seven cars, containing a party of 15 American and British men and women was stopped near the Columbia Country Club within the Settlement perimeter by a band of about eight armed bandits, flourishing pistols, who had parked their own car across the road.

The party was forced to dismount and were relieved of their watches, rings and wallets to the value of approximately 1,000 Chinese dollars.

The gang, who were reported to be well-dressed, made a clean escape, and despite the early arrival of the Settlement police, none has been apprehended.

The party is known to have included at least three Britons, Mr. J. H. Ford and Mrs. Innes of the A.P.C., and Mrs. Innes, as well as two American doctors, Dr. T. B. Dunn and Dr. D. J. Collins.

Although hold-ups of Chinese are a daily occurence, yesterday's affair involving foreigners is the first case of this kind for many years.—*Reuter.*

SEVEN CARS HELD UP

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

A sensational armed robbery, in which the victims were foreigners, occurred in Shanghai to-night.

Seven motor cars, whose 15 occupants were mostly Americans, were held up by five armed robbers, believed to be Chinese.

The party, who were on their way back from a visit to the American Columbia Country Club, situated in the western area of Shanghai, were robbed of all their money and jewelry.

The bandits, who were armed with mauser pistols, afterwards boarded a waiting motor car and made good their escape.

The outrage occurred at a spot lying between the territories controlled by the Japanese, and the International Settlement. — *Trans-Reuter.*

9 Million Jobless In United States

New York, Dec. 28.

The number of unemployed in the United States during November totalled 9,211,000, compared with 9,095,000 in October, and 7,751,000 a year ago.

These figures are issued to-day by the National Industrial Conference Board.—*Reuter.*

Hongkong-Waichow Highway Opening

THE EXTENT of the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the East River area in Kwangtung is indicated by reports this morning that motor communication will re-open between Hongkong and Waichow.

Waichow, one of the largest of the East River cities, was recaptured from the Japanese on December 9.

Since then, the Japanese have been entirely cleared from the area between Hongkong and Canton south of the former Kwangtung capital, with the exception of the Pearl River strip protected by their gunboats.

Road traffic between Hongkong and Waichow will be resumed as soon as the highway bridges, which were blown up by the Chinese shortly after the Japanese landing in Bias Bay, are repaired.

Bus services have already resumed between Shum Chun, the border city, and Lungkong, seventeen miles northwards.

Large number of war refugees from Hongkong utilised the buses yesterday to return to their homes in Kwangtung.

It is expected that the highways between Hongkong, Tamshui and Waichow will be open for traffic within three weeks.

TWO WOMEN missionaries photographed after the long walk down Lushan Mountain from Kuling, where they had been stranded for many months with food supplies gradually dwindling and the constant threat of Sino-Japanese hostilities being waged in their district. Notice that the woman on the left wears Chinese cloth shoes. For many months foreigners in Kuling have been unable to replace their worn-out clothing.

POPULAR OFFICER GETS NEW COMMAND

COLONEL N. M. S. IRWIN, popular G.S.O.1 of the China Command since 1937, is to leave Hongkong next year to assume command of the 6th Infantry Brigade, according to a War Office announcement, cabled by "Reuter."

Colonel Irwin will assume the temporary rank of Brigadier in his new appointment.

Colonel Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, M.C., D.S.O., was born in India on Christmas Eve forty-six years ago. Educated at Marlborough College, he later went to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and joined the Essex Regiment in 1912. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the Border Regiment in 1927, and was a Brevet Lieut-Colonel in 1931.

He served in France with the Battalion from August 1914, and commanded the 2nd. Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1917 to 1918. He also commanded the 8th Batt. the Leicester Regiment in 1918 and from 1918 to the following year commanded the 1st Batt. the Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was temporary Colonel Sub-Area Commandant in France in 1919, and during his service there he was awarded the D.S.O., and two bars, the M.C., and the Croix de Guerre, and was also mentioned five times in despatches.

He was at the Staff College from 1924 to 1925, and served with the General Staff on the Rhine from 1926 to 1927. He was in India from 1929 to 1933 and from 1933 to 1935 was Chief Instructor, R. M., C., Sandhurst. He was at the Imperial College in 1936, and was promoted to Colonel the following year, when he took up his appointment in Hongkong as General Staff Officer, 1st Grade.

At one time he was a brilliant hockey player, and played both for his battalion and the Army. For three years he was a member of the Marlborough College Shooting VIII and one year was captain of the team.

NEW SHANGHAI COMMANDER

"Reuter" also confirms the report published in the "Telegraph" yesterday that Colonel F. K. Simmons has been promoted from the General Staff in Palestine to command the Shanghai Area, with the temporary rank of Brigadier.

COL. IRWIN

Lieut-Colonel Frank Keith Simmons, M.V.O., M.B.E., M.C., of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1888. He was educated at Cranbrook School and served in the European War, being awarded the M.V.O., M.C., and Croix de Guerre.

Subsequently he became military attache at Madrid, serving in this capacity from 1928 to 1931.

He was appointed a temporary commander of the Southern Brigade (Palestine) in 1936.

Bitter Attack On Vatican

BERLIN, Dec. 28.

A BITTER ATTACK on the Vatican is made by Dr. Josef Goebbel's organ the "Angriff," presumably as a tardy answer to the Pope's recent criticism of the totalitarian doctrine.

It accuses the Vatican of occupying itself solely with the Jewish question to the extent of giving the impression that there is complete popularity between Jewry and the Christian church.

It reverts to the situation in Palestine, and blames the Pope for failure to protest against the "wild and cruel war which severely harms the moral credit of Christianity in the Arab world."—*Reuter.*

Revised Tariffs In N. China

Peiping, Dec. 28.

It is predicted that the revision of tariffs in the Japanese-occupied areas of China will not come into force on January 1 as expected.

A Tientsin newspaper, regarded as the mouthpiece of the Japanese military authorities, states that tariff changes will be announced as soon as an agreement has been reached between the Provisional and Reformed governments at Peipng and Nanking.

The changes are expected in the spring, when duties, especially those affecting luxuries, will be greatly increased.—*Reuter.*

CHIANG REJECTS TOKYO PEACE TERMS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS, which included, besides those contained in the statement by Prince Konoye on December 22, the granting to Japan of the right to station troops at specific points in China as long as the proposed anti-Comintern pact remained in force, and the right to domicile all parts of China for the Japanese, were more extensive and stiffer than those presented to China before the outbreak of the hostilities, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day.

He added: "If the earlier terms were unacceptable to China, how can the country, after 18 months of fighting and suffering, accept the present demands? What have we been fighting for?"

He emphasised that China cannot accept any terms which violate her territorial or administrative integrity, or which are contrary to the League Covenant or the Nine-Power Treaty.

It was stated to-day that Chinese casualties since the beginning of the hostilities are estimated at 850,000 of which 300,000 have been killed.

Japanese casualties are estimated at 650,000.—*Reuter.*

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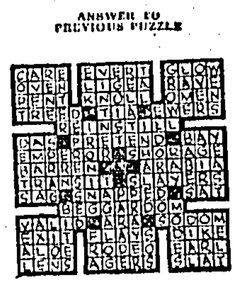
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

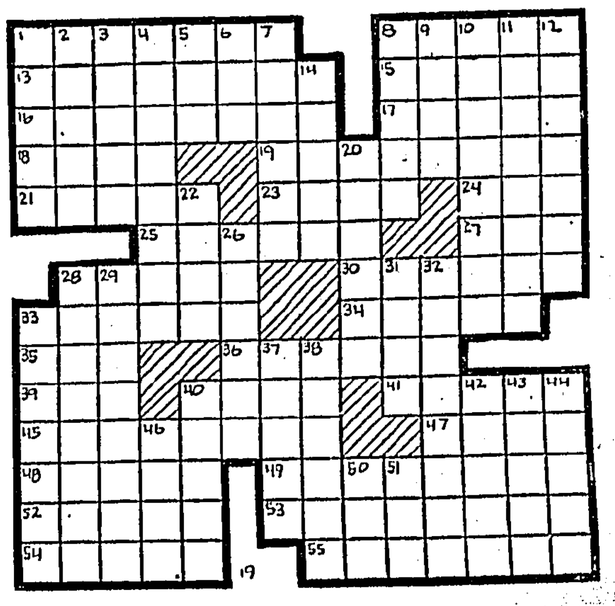
1—Conductor's car on freight train
8—Famous violin (coll.)
13—Affirming
16—Movement of quadrille
17—Capable of being led
18—Like an urn
19—Ruffian (Scottish)
20—Case offered as example
21—10th century Arabian physician
23—Rests in chair
24—Bird of prey
25—Hexies
27—Press
28—Female ruler
30—Rat-like Haitian animal
33—Plain of Siberia
34—Biting (coll.)
35—Knock
38—Part of harness
39—Outcast class of Japan
40—Impetuous dash
41—Chilean seaport
45—Dryness
47—Kind of cheese
48—Measure of gold purity
49—And so forth
52—Bound in vassalage to lord
53—Starfish (plural)
54—Biblical name
55—Is agreeable to

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Heat (Latin)
2—Feudal service to king
3—Carries
4—Gave formal orders for
5—Anglo-Saxon coin
6—Related by blood
7—Enroll
8—Plugs for holes in boilers
9—Mosaic law (Hebrew)
10—Horse that came in second (coll.)
11—Facility
12—Things to be destroyed (Latin)
14—Dept. of mind (French)
20—Drift ashore
22—Prophet
26—Lacking necessary power
28—Giants of fourlines (French)
29—Not matched
31—River in New Mexico
32—Short humorous opera
33—Molasses
37—Level to ground
38—Part of shoe
40—Go inside
42—Mental images
43—Bet on 4 numbers in roulette
44—Accumulate
46—Dark-skinned foreigner (slang)
50—Coolidge's nickname
51—Gaffir of nativity



NO COMPETITION FOR HIM

As will be seen in the picture, Jack Odell, formerly of the Central British School, won the 400 metres at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday with the greatest of ease. He romped home fully 20 yards ahead of the second man, his time being 57 secs., which undoubtedly would have been better had he been pressed.—*Photo by Staff Photographer.*

Army Batsmen Take Good Lead In Cricket Tie Against Navy

Sailors Lose A Wicket Before Close of Play

(By "R. Abbit")

It is a most unpleasant reminder of the strenuous times we live in, to find how difficult it is for the Services to raise their best teams. The Army yesterday lost the services of Weedon, Man and Painter who were toying round with a machine-gun or something equally unpleasant. Twenty years ago that machine gun would have been uncommonly lonely so far as they were concerned. The Navy too had Glenister, Brownrigg and Kyrke away. Of course it has to be done but we older people do sigh for the spacious leisurely days of the past.

Lees won the toss and sent in Whitmarsh and L. S. Smith to face Godby at the Yard end and Paterson. The former appeared to be very stiff and bowled slow medium in his first over which Smith allowed to be a maiden. Paterson too was all over the shop and eleven runs came from his first over. But disaster waited on the Navy. Godby speeded up and Whitmarsh in playing him to square leg lifted the ball a little and Lawrence took a low catch. (11—1—0.) Then Smith cut at the first ball of Paterson's second over and was taken by Land at second slip. 11—2—5.

MORE TROUBLE

This brought Manners and Kennedy together, both of whom have played for the Navy at Lord's. The latter shaped nicely and made an excellent shot past extra cover to the corner of the ground, but the last ball of Godby was a fast yorker which just hit the off stumps. 17—3—5.

Land relieved Paterson and very nearly had Manners with a head-high full toss at which the batsman slashed and somehow or other put it between the wicket keeper and first slip. The latter nearly got at it. Godby again produced his fast yorker next over and bowled Firth who had been shaping excellently. Four for thirty-three and the Navy were definitely on a lee shore.

It looked as if Clayton and Manners were starting a stand when the latter after hitting Land to long on and then to square leg (both beautiful fours) apparently lost his head and had a blind mow at an off ball and skied it to second slip. 47—5—20. Two runs later Clayton snicked Godby to Land at second slip. Wanstall did not stop long, the seventh wicket falling at 54 but then Lees played a real captain's innings and Talbot stood by and later both hit out. Gradually the score mounted. Hatfield, who had been unable to turn up at the start, went on for Godby but he seemed stiff and did not bowl nearly as well as he had done against the Club. Talbot hit very hard and it was unfortunate that he hit a full toss to Paterson at deep mid on when the stand had realised fifty-three of which his share was twenty-eight.

Moores hung on and Lees got two very pretty fours off Godby's first over when the latter went on for Hatfield. Next over, however, Godby dropped in his pet yorker—only it was a bit slower one this time—and sent Lees back for an invaluable innings of 29, played at a most critical time. 115—9—29. Paxton made three singles and then Moores was l.b.w. to Godby who had bowled excellently, taking his six wickets for twenty runs.

THE ARMY BAT

After tiffin the Army started their innings and after Corp. Webb had got his leg in front of one in Paxton's first over, a long and sedate stand followed. Logan shaped very well and Paterson (not the bowler) was very steady. He should, however, have been caught off Manners, who was probably doing more with the ball than could be seen from the pavilion. The score was sixty six after an hour's play which is slow for the ground. At this point Paxton relieved Whitmarsh, and Moores went on for Manners. Moores sent down some very good balls but his length was very variable and Logan punished some short ones heavily. However, at 94 he mistimed a slower one and scooped up an easy chance to Lees. (94—2—40.)

Land came in and on-drove Paxton who, for some reason, had no deep field behind him and was accordingly far more expensive than he need have been. Just after the hundred was hoisted, Patterson was badly dropped at mid on. However, he did not increase his score before he tried to glance Paxton to fine leg and was caught at second slip off the back of his bat. (112—3—43.) Land began to bat confidently and made two delightful late cuts off Moores, which sped to the boundary in a flash. This brought Manners back again and Land cut his second ball beautifully behind point but mistimed the next and Paxton fell forward at first slip and made the catch. A quick and good innings of 27 scored in a very attractive manner.

SLOW CRICKET

Things now became very dull, as both batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. Godby especially seemed unhappy and did not give one the impression he was seeing them. After tea, Coombes was caught at the wicket almost at once. 146—5—13. Hatfield, promoted in the order after his good knock against the Club now came in. However after he had scored two he was bowled by a quick one from Moores which kept low.

Paxton still bowled without a deep field straight and Godby off-drove him for four. But in Moores' next over a good break-back came back quickly and bowled him. 157—7—12. Swyers had come in after Hatfield and concentrated mainly on defence though he on-drove Paxton very nicely to the fence. Then Moores bowled Sgt. Baker with a good one. 161—8—0. Lawrence, though in a good deal of pain from a pulled muscle, went in nobly to try to hold an end up and put Moores away to square leg for a couple. Two overs later he put Paxton out of the ground by the car park and the ball is reported to have reached the Bank! A perfectly timed shot. He was coming down hard on the ball and obviously has very powerful wristwork. Manners went on but Lawrence banged him to the mid-wicket boundary tho' it obviously was most painful. Swyers was playing a nice game and evidently the practice he had against the Club, when he did little, helped him as he seemed to bat infinitely better. Lawrence square cut Manners for four and put a single to leg but Moores next over got a beauty past him. A most gallant innings—and the stand put on 34 runs. 195—9—19.

P. S. M. Paterson came in and pushed a four through the slips but off the first ball of Manners next over Swyers went out to drive, missed the ball and was stumped. The innings closed for 199—a lead of 85 runs.

NAVY HAVE TO BAT

The Navy were unfortunate in having to bat for ten minutes and off the second ball of Hatfield's over, Clayton snicked the ball to first slip. Lees wisely sent in his left-hander next. Smith hit Godby to long-leg for four and that was that.

Scores:

ROYAL NAVY.—1ST. INNS.

Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby	0
L/S Smith, c Land b Paterson	5
Lt. Commdr. Kennedy, b Godby	5
Lt. Manners, c Godby, b Land	20
Commdr. Firth, b Godby	9
E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby	4
Commdr. Lees, b Godby	29
S. P. O. Wanstall, c Paterson, b Land	4
Lt. Talbot, c Paterson, b Baker	28
Mar. Moores, l.b.w., b Godby	0
C. P. O. Paxton, not out	3
Extras	5
Total	118

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Paterson	3	–	19	1
Land	9	–	40	2
*Hatfield	6	1	21	–
Swyers	2	–	12	–
Baker	3	2	1	1

*Bowled one no-ball.

ARMY.—1ST. INNS.

S/Sgt. Patterson, c Whitmarsh b Paxton	43
Cpl. Webb, l.b.w. b Paxton	0
Driver Logan, c Lees b Moores	46
Sgt. Land, c Paxton b Manners	27
Capt. Godby, b Moores	12
Pte. Coombes, c Clayton b Moores	13
Pte. Hatfield, b Moores	2
Major Swyers, st. Clayton b Manners	13
Sgt. Baker, b Moores	0
Capt. Lawrence, b Moores	19
P. S. M. Paterson, not out	4
Extras	20
Total	199

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	24	3	61	2
Moores	22	5	58	6
Manners	13.1	3	36	2
Whitmarsh	9	–	24	–

NAVY.—2ND. INNS.

L/S Smith, not out	4
E. A. Clayton, c Godby b Hatfield	0
S. P. O. Wanstall, not out	0
Total (1 wkt.)	4

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	2	1	4	–
Hatfield	1	1	–	1

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ADVICE GIVEN TO FORWARDS

INTER-CHANGE OF POSITIONS OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE

OPPOSITION MAY BE THROWN INTO DISORDER

An outside left should always keep well out on the touch line except when play is round the opposing circle. He should then come in a little on the chance of the ball coming across and being missed by the inside-left.

The outside left may then have a chance to nip in and get in a shot or pass to a better-placed colleague. He must always be on the look-out for a clearance to the wing by one of the defenders, and if he sees any prospect of it, he should place himself in the position to which the clearance is likely to be made; for backs and goalies under pressure have little time to pick and choose as to where to hit, but are generally content to clear the ball anywhere out to the wing.

In taking passes on the left, the blade of the stick should be facing the direction in which the ball is coming, so that on impact with the stick the ball is checked and by a very slight turn, can be placed in the desired position.

Unless the stick is faced squarely to the ball in the first instance, it will glance off and go out of control. It is easier to get the ball into position on taking a pass if the stick is kept fairly wide of the body. Taking it too close to the feet is liable to hamper you by the ball becoming mixed up with your feet

CHANGING PLACES

Inter-change of positions between an inside and an outside forward, between a centre and an inside man, and between a half and a full back can be very effective. Imagine a winger, to reach a badly-delivered pass, comes inward a few yards, and as he does so, draws with him the opposing half; then is the time for the inside to dash behind and outside his winger, giving him a sign, if necessary, as he does so. The winger at once passes the ball out to him and, unmarked as he probably will then be, the inside man can get well away on the wing.

This movement, to be effective, must be done quickly, before the defenders can get back into position once again.

A centre-forward, for various reasons, dribbles occasionally towards the inside-left or inside-right. As he does so, the inside should at once see whether he is likely to be crowded out by this move, and if so, should cut inwards, thus taking the centre-forward's place.

Half-backs and full-backs can change when the winger has got well away, and the half is not fast enough to catch up before the winger centres. The back then goes out to tackle, and the half cuts diagonally inwards to fill the gap.

Lieut. Hook (R.A.), brilliant Army pivot, who will be seen in action against the Navy at Sookunpoo tomorrow.

Mrs. Ackroyd has been a most prolific scorer for the Seaforth Ladies this season.

Boxing

HARVEY MAY GO TO AMERICA

But Only For World Title Fight

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 3.

Len Harvey, having recaptured the British heavy-weight title on Thursday night, when he easily beat Eddie Phillips, spent a good part of yesterday discussing future matches. He aims high, and will not be easily matched.

Mr. Hulls, the Harringay promoter, is anxious to put Harvey into the ring in London against Max Baer, and intends to leave for New York in a fortnight's time to secure Baer's signature.

Failing Baer, he hopes to induce John Henry Lewis, former world's light heavyweight champion, to come over for a return fight with Harvey, whom he beat at Wembley two years ago. Walter Neusel is also considered as an opponent.

For the past two months, Harvey told me yesterday, he has been in touch with Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York promoter, regarding possible fights in America, and when the result of the Phillips fight was known in New York, Johnstone and Mike Jacobs both talked of inviting Harvey to go. Harvey's reply was:

NO ELIMINATORS

"I am not particularly interested in Max Baer as a fight with him takes me nowhere. Neusel I regard in exactly the same way. I want no more eliminating fights, and I will not in any circumstances go to America to take part in one.

"I would go there to fight Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight title, and I would go for a match with John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight championship. I am just as qualified to fight Louis as Tommy Farr was.

"Of course, the power of the purse generally operates in boxing. It has to. But I do not think there is the slightest prospect of my going to America unless it is for a title fight.

"As to a fight here, who is there? I see no point in fighting Baer, even in London. Still, we must await developments and see what is offered. Except in the case of a world title fight I am not desperately eager to grab a match with Tom, Dick or Harry. In fact, it is possible I shall make an exhibition tour."

PHILLIPS'S PURSE

In spite of this statement, Mr. Hulls has great hopes of matching him with Baer or Lewis, and it will probably depend on the sort of inducement he is able to offer Harvey.

Baer is over two stones heavier, carries a tremendous punch, but is slow and easily outboxed. He looked very poor when Farr beat him, and very good when he knocked out Ben Foord.

The receipts on Thursday night proved to be only about £7,000, of which the boxers were each guaranteed £1,500, with the option of 25 per cent. of the receipts, whichever was the greater. They will, therefore, be due to receive just under £2,000 each.

Phillips's purse, however, must be handed to the British Boxing Board of Control, as stated in *The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post* yesterday, and held by the Board until the stewards have reviewed the circumstances of Phillips's disqualification by the referee. The Board may deal with the purse money as they think fit.

My view of the incident which led to the referee intervening is that Phillips was half-conscious at the time and unable to control the direction of his punches.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

THE Nomads last Saturday drew 1-1 with the K.I.T.C. in a close and interesting game. H. Gubbay, S. A. Reed and Silva in the attack opened with a rush and for a short while looked like scoring a quick goal; but gradually their opponents settled down and play became very even, with the Nomads, if anything, having the better of the exchanges.

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R. J. REED equalised for the Nomads in the second half, off a short corner. He was also outstanding at centre-half with his clever stick-work. Xavier, at left back, was brilliant, his speed and first-time clearances being a feature of the game. In my opinion, the Nomads were rather unlucky not to have won as the goal scored against them was shot from an off-side position.

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K.I.T.C. made a bad start and it was only in the second half when Pyara Singh and Malik reverted to their usual positions that Pinto and Partab began to combine effectively. There was too much shouting by those in the defence to allow the team to play the sort of game which they revealed earlier in the season. If this continues, the Kowloon Indians, as a team, will not go far.

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IQBAL Singh, deputising for Man Singh in goal, gave a very sound display during the closing stages of the game. The K.I.T.C. secured a lucky point as the result of C. Pinto's goal; he was in an off-side position when he scored. There was too much aimless hitting in the course of the game.

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THE C.B.A. last Monday defeated the Police "B" by 2-0 at Mongkok. A slippery sandy surface made neat play difficult, but despite the conditions, perfect combination was maintained by G. H. and S. A. Fowler and D. Smith in the attack. The Whitley brothers, Tom and Norman, were prominent among the halves, and Austen, playing the one back game, had little to do. A late start was made and both teams played with only ten men. C.B.A. were quickly on the offensive and maintained pressure throughout the match. G. H. Fowler scored a goal in each half.

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POLICE "B" fought enthusiastically and only bad finishing by the forwards prevented them from equalising before the interval. Jessop, in goal, played a brilliant game throughout and saved the side from a heavier defeat. Leslie was also outstanding at centre-half. Chenan Singh, at right back, also played remarkably well. The attack, with Pennell as leader, made several raids, but good work was spoilt by wild shooting. The Police "B" will have to field a much stronger team—and I believe they have the men—if they hope to obtain their first Tournament points.

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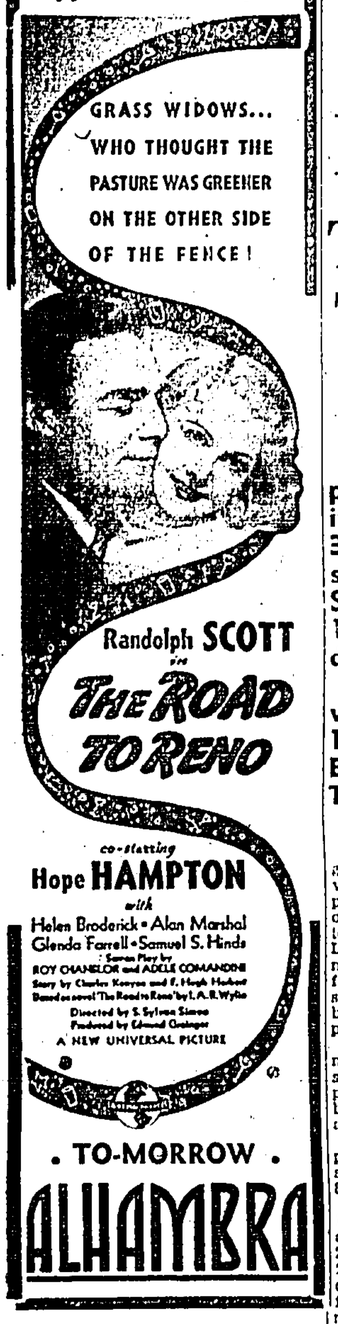

• TO-MORROW •
ALHAMBRA

Eddie Paynter Scores Century In Each Innings In First Test Match

Third Englishman to do This Against The South Africans: Game Drawn

As generally expected, after the third day's play, the First Test match at Johannesburg ended in a draw yesterday. The M.C.C., with a lead of 32 runs after the first innings, declared their second knock at 291 for four wickets and the South Africans, facing a score of 323, had made 108 for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Eddie Paynter, the Lancashire left-hander, who made 117 in the M.C.C. first innings, scored 100 in the second, thus becoming the third Englishman to score a century in each innings in Test matches against South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

The weather was sunny when the game was resumed to-day on a wicket which was worn and had patches at both ends. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Paynter took two fours in succession from Langton and reached 51 in 77 minutes, his tally including seven fours. Both batsmen were aggressive and their innings were marked by powerful driving. The 150 appeared in 149 minutes.

Gibb brought up his century in 184 minutes, including seven fours, but six runs later he was beaten completely by Dalton. His batting had been a judicious blend of aggression and defence.

Hammond joined Paynter and the pair continued until lunch when the score was two for 223, Paynter being 82 and Hammond 13.

After lunch the crowd grew to over 1,000 and watched Hammond in aggressive mood. He scored 30 in 20 minutes and brought up the 250 in 224 minutes. Paynter reached his century in 189 minutes, including 10 fours, and became the third Englishman to score a century in each innings of a test against South Africa. A. C. Russell and Sutcliffe were the others.

Hammond brought up his 50 in 19 minutes, but Paynter did not pass his 100, sending a skier to Langton at mid-on off Gordon.

Ames joined Hammond at three for 281 but only 10 runs had been added when Hammond put his leg in front of a straight one from Dalton and was out for 58. Hammond then declared with four down for 291, leaving South Africa with 324 to score to win.

Hammond scored his runs in 63 minutes and made some beautiful drives. He hit five fours.

The South Africans opened with Mitchell and Van Der Byl again and were taking no chances.

Stonewalling tactics were adopted, and with this policy continuing throughout the afternoon, a draw became inevitable.

At 67, Van Der Byl's off-stump was disturbed by Hammond in the English captain's first over. He had scored 38, made in 130 minutes, his chief scoring strokes being three fours and a six.

Mitchell and Nourse continued sedately and took the score to 108 without further loss, when stumps were drawn. Mitchell's contribution was 48 and Nourse's 17.

Mitchell batted for 168 minutes and hit five boundaries.

Scores:

M.C.C.

1st. Innings	422

SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS.

B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van Der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	97	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	91	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND. INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, b Dalton	106
Paynter, c Langton, b Gordon	100
W. R. Hammond, l.b.w. b Dalton	58
Ames, not out	3
Extras	14
Total (for 4 wkts. decld.)	291

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	14	2	67	0
Langton	16	3	64	0
Mitchell	11	1	58	0
Gordon	14	0	59	2
Dalton	6.5	0	29	2

SOUTH AFRICA.—2ND INNS.

Mitchell, not out	48
Van Der Byl, b Hammond	38
Nourse, not out	17
Extras	5
Total (for 1 wkt.)	108

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	7	3	17	0
Edrich	3	0	7	0
Verity	16	8	17	0
Goddard	11	3	31	0
Wilkinson	8	3	18	0
Hammond	6	3	13	1

DALTON DROPPED

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

E. L. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for pulling South Africa out of its plight, has been dropped from the second test team to meet the M.C.C. at Capetown on Saturday. Bond has also been omitted, the vacancies being filled by Balaskas and Rowan.

The team is.—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, A. D. Nourse, P. Van der Byl, E. W. Davies, X. Balaskas, No. Gordon, F. A. Rowan.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER CHANGE

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.

Another change has been made in the South African team to meet the M.C.C. in the Second Test.

K. Viljoen has injured his hand and drops out of the team. His place will be taken by A. W. Briscoe, of Transvaal.—*Reuter.*

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the University past students in the annual match against the present students at Pokfulam on Sunday—Zimmern (capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, S. V. Glittins, E. L. Gosano, D. Hung, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, W. H. Sling, F. R. Zimmern, J. L. Youngsaye. Scorer, S. C. Ho.

The following will represent the Club against the Navy in the triangular tournament match on Saturday and Monday—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. Beck, J. H. Fox, J. Haley, N. D. Lloyd, G. Longfield, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, T. A. Pearce, A. E. Perry, L. T. Ride.

The following will represent Combined Schools against University at Pokfulam on Friday—D. Crary, J. Fisher, F. J. Lay, D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), J. and G. Gosano (La Salle), T. Lockhart, N. Smith, W. G. Pryde, T. M. Sutter (C.B.S.); W. Mulcahy, Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).

Paynter
. . . he scored a century in each innings.

Home Football

Motherwell Win Away Encounter

London, Dec. 28.

Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were decided to-day, results being as follows:

Albion	3 Ayr U.	3
Kilmarnock	1 Motherwell	3

—Reuter.

LYNCH TO TRAIN IN MONASTERY

London, Dec. 4.

Benny Lynch, former fly-weight champion, in another desperate bid to come back, sails to Ireland to-day to train in the company of silent Cistercian monks in the Famous Mount Melleray Monastery, in Co. Waterford.

His wife told the "Sunday Dispatch" last night: "This opportunity of going to Ireland to get away from his old ties is a Heaven-sent chance for Benny.

"I think he has realised that unless he gets right down to the task of getting fit the future will be pretty dark for us all."

Mr. George Dingley, the Scottish boxing promoter, said: "It's up to Benny and no one else. He can get himself properly fit again, and if he does so I can make £20,000 for him in the next two or three years."

Lynch has received a letter from Mr. A. L. Elvin, the Wembley Stadium promoter, wishing him luck and promising him matches when he is fit for a come-back.

VOWS

The monks of Mount Melleray Abbey live a rigorous life under strict discipline and stern self-control. They are bound by a vow of perpetual silence from which only the guest master and lay brothers are absolved.

Another Glasgow boxer, Johnny McGrory, British feather-weight ex-champion, suggested the idea to Lynch.

Lawn Tennis

Miss Stammers Unable To Go To S. Africa

London, Nov. 23.

Miss Kay Stammers has had to decline the invitation to join the British team to tour South Africa this winter. She informed the L.T.A. of her decision yesterday.

The reason is that Miss Stammers cannot spare the time from business. "Kay is very disappointed," said her mother, "but the tour is such a long one that she could not possibly spare the time. She is in business with a London firm, and, as it happens, her busiest time comes just after Christmas, so she has had no alternative but to decline.

"It must be remembered that she has only just returned from a long stay in America."

The team for South Africa is due to leave at the end of next month.

FRIENDLY RUGBY

The Club "A" Rugby XV defeated the Army "A" team by 20 to 3 at the Club ground yesterday. After a solitary Army try, the following scored for the Club: Chadwick 3 tries, Wilson 2 tries, Nelson 1 try (Stark converting one). The score at half-time was 6-3.

FRENCH CONSULAR POSTS

French consular changes notified to take place shortly, include an exchange of posts between M. Leurquin, Consul General at Harbin, and M. Blondeau, Consul at Hankow.

M. Leurquin will be remembered as Consul General in Hongkong two years ago.

Ten Leading Amateur Tennis Players

New York, Dec. 28.

Donald Budge, the famous American tennis player, who makes his professional debut next week against Ellsworth Vines, to-day announced his list of the world's first ten amateur players.

In his opinion, the leading amateur now is H. W. ("Bunny") Austin, of England, and the next is John Bromwich, of Australia.

Next in line are Robert Riggs (U.S.), Roderich Menzel (formerly of Czecho-Slovakia), Sidney Wood, Jr. (U.S.), Gene Mako (U.S.), F. Cejnar (Czecho - Slovakia), Adrian Quist (Australia), Henner Henkel (Germany) and Bryan Grant U.S.).—*United Press.*

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (King's Theatre, to-day). — Characteristic Edmond Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which follows the usual run. Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Stroheim head the cast. The ending is unusual. A British production.

"That Certain Woman" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Bette Davis in a powerful drama as a woman who loves not wisely but too well. Supported by Henry Fonda and Ian Hunter. Good entertainment.

"Women Are Like That" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Pat O'Brien looks understandably unhappy as the egotistical advertising man who becomes a drunkard when his wife succeeds in a deal which he had abandoned. Kay Francis's gowns are splendid. Melville Cooper, Borden Oliver and Ralph Forbes are in the cast.

"Prison Farm" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A shocker about the girl who loves a man who, although she does not know it, is a criminal. They are caught together and sent to a prison farm, where scenes of brutality are enacted. Shirley Ross, Lloyd Nolan, John Howard, J. Carrol Naish and Porter Hall.

"Reformatory" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—As the title indicates, the story is of life in an American reformatory, with Jack Holt, as the warden, introducing a new system to the boys of the farm. Interesting film.

WIN FOR REDSHANK

In Sweepstake Race Held By Yacht Club

Redshank was first in the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over 9.4 miles, the yachts starting at 14.45. Results:

	Finished	Corrd	Pos.
Redshank (E. T. Stanley)	17.01.05	16.51.41	1
Eve (E. Bader)	17.02.00	16.52.36	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	17.02.07	16.52.43	3
Painted Lady (M. T. L. Wilkinson)	17.02.30	16.53.06	4
Nereid II (C. B. Barry)	17.02.04	16.54.36	5
Maureen (H. Lawder)	17.04.05	16.54.41	6
Jean (G. C. Gowland)	17.04.20	16.54.56	7
Gull (A. O. G. Mills)	17.04.21	16.54.57	8
Colleen (G. J. Tarr)	16.56.00	——	9
Artemis (S. Berg)	17.05.43	16.56.19	10
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	17.03.55	16.56.31	11
Ariel (Drew Wilkinson)	17.00.00	16.58.27	12

EXHIBITION TENNIS

Filipinos To Play At Kowloon To-day

Leonardo Gavin and Armado Sanchez, winner and runner-up of the Philippines tennis championship, will appear in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day at 2.30 p.m. They arrived yesterday on the Potsdam.

Players selected to play against the visitors are the Tsui brothers, George Choa, Szeto Bick and A. E. P. Guest.

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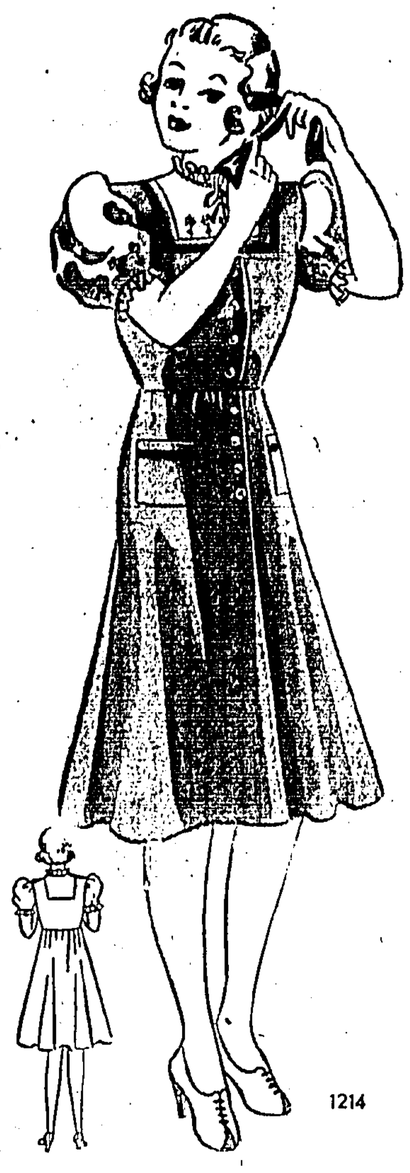


1214

Pretty blouse with frills at neck and sleeves is worn under a becoming peasant dress.

WHEN I was fourteen I wanted to look like my mother. I could not understand why this, that and the other style were too old for me.

Most mothers find that daughters of this age either do not care what they look like or want to imitate too closely an elder sister.

If you want her to look nice, encourage your daughter to take an interest in her clothes, and she will learn to choose wisely, and if she likes sewing it is going to save her money later on if she can make her own frocks.

Sketched here are three pocket edition fashions for girls from fourteen to sixteen.

Practical and Pretty

Young girls' clothes should be simple and sensible, but at the same time attractive. These designs are planned on practical lines, and are so easy to make that Miss Fourteen can make them herself with a little help.

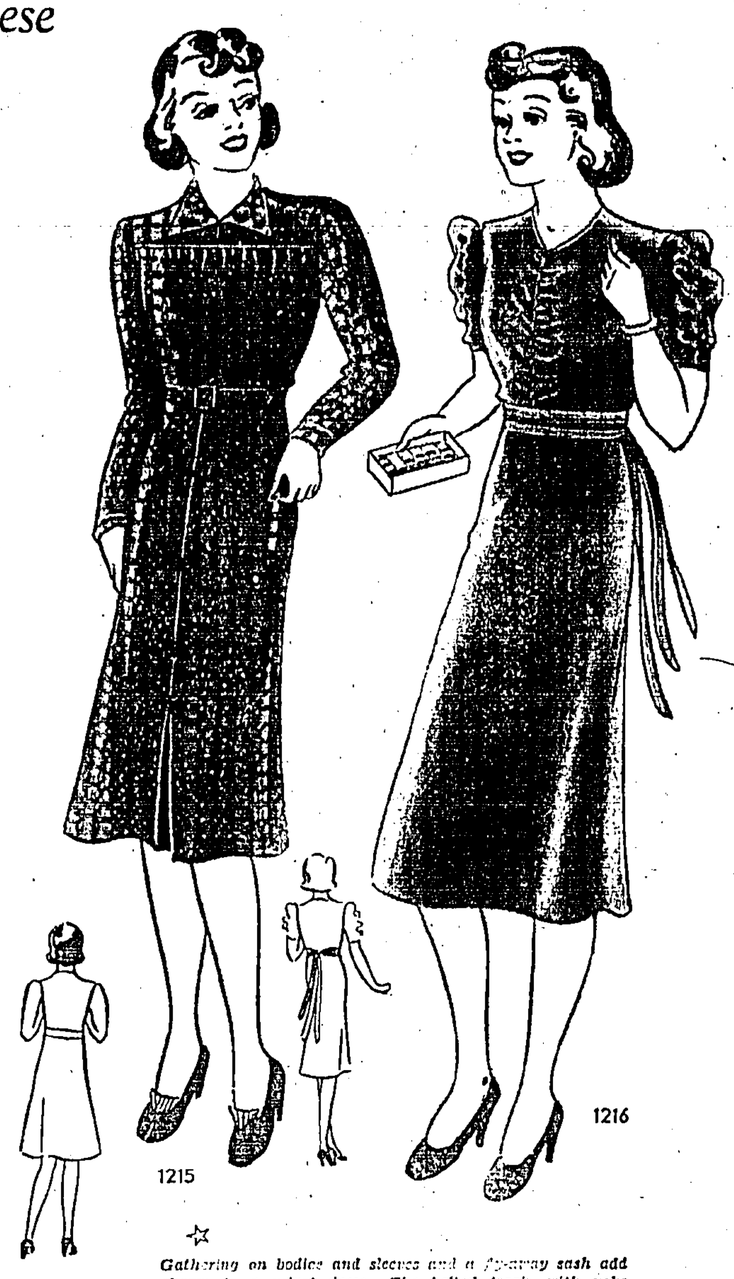
At the top left, No. 1214, is a little peasant dress that can be made in velvet or brightly coloured wool fabric with an attractive braid finish to bodice and pockets. You could trim the silk blouse with a few gay posies of flowers in lazy daisy stitch.

My second choice for daughter is a little woollen dress, No. 1215, cut with a yoked top, long sleeves and a plain, well-cut skirt. I advise a cheerful colour for this dress, say, a light navy, copper beech, or cherry red.

Velvet for Parties

A pretty frock for small parties is shown in the third sketch, No. 1216. A little gathered bodice to give ease to the figure and the same gathering repeated on the sleeve. Carried out in velvet this will give her a nice warm frock for the entire winter.

Finish dress with a narrow belt or three different tones of narrow ribbon which should be left long at side.



1215 1216

Gathering on bodice and sleeves and a four-way sash add charm to a velvet dress. The belted frock, with yoke and neat collar, looks well in check wool or tweed.

HONGKONG'S MOST FAMOUS PIRATE

(Continued from Page 6.)

Ma-chow Wong. There are some entries in Chinese of moneys received from or for Mr. Caldwell."

ALTHOUGH every effort was made by interested parties to prevent the case from being brought to Court, the evidence was such that it would have been highly injudicious to have made any further pretence of concealment. Consequently, Ma-chow Wong was tried at the September Criminal Sessions of 1857 for "confederating with pirates," and was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude at the prison settlement on the Island of Labuan near British North Borneo.

Mr. Caldwell was naturally grief-stricken at the course of events, but he still managed to be able to exert his influence so that his protege did not have to submit to the indignity of having his handsome queue docked, as was then the custom with Chinese prisoners in the gaol.

Finally, on November 13, 1858, Ma-chow Wong, in company with fifty-nine other convicted Chinese felons, was sent away from the Colony, and after being in Labuan for a couple of years, he once more came into the limelight as a result of acting as the ringleader of an attempted uprising in which it was planned to release all the prisoners and murder the European wardens and Indian guards.

However, one of the convicts got "cold feet," and, appalled by the callous slaughter of so many people that the successful perpetration of the murder-plot would entail, went to the Prison Superintendent on the eve of the attempt, and confessed everything. As a result, five years were added to Wong's sentence, and he was more closely watched than ever.

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THE years passed by, and gradually his spirit came to be broken. At length in 1869, Sir John Pope Hennessy (who subsequently become Governor of Hongkong) and Mr. J. R. Howard, the Superintendent of Convicts at Labuan, prevailed upon the Home Government to award him a free pardon. Upon this being granted he returned to the Colony, whence he had been sent away more than ten years before. Immediately on his arrival here, he was arrested, but upon presenting his discharge papers from Labuan he was released, and was permitted to take up his residence here again. However, he found things vastly changed. Piracy was no more. The administration of Sir Hercules Robinson had effectively cleared up the augean-like corruption of the previous decade, and his erstwhile protector and business associate, Mr. D. R. Caldwell was now living in retirement at his residence in Hollywood Road.

Wong thought of proceeding to Canton, and when he did so he was welcomed by the Imperial officials, who offered him a commission and a mandarin's button of the fifth rank, if he would consent to serve the Chinese Government in a military capacity.

Sadly, however, he refused this tempting offer, and returned once more to Hongkong. All he wanted now was to end his days in peace and tranquillity under the flag of the nation which had treated him so generously. He had now become a thoroughly reformed man, and thought only of atoning for his past misdeeds. The Chinese Government never entirely forgot him, and during the war with France in 1884, it again offered him a military commission if he would serve the cause.

Once more, Wong refused, stating that he was too old to think of honours. Although poverty was now his lot, he was far happier than he had ever been. Besides, it would not be long before he would be called to join the souls of his departed ancestors.

The old ex-pirate survived until the year 1892. His passing was the last link which bound the modern Colony to the turbulent, tumultuous days of that older Hongkong which now exists only as an unpleasant memory.

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Ukrainian Peasants Get Stiff Sentences

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

Six Ukrainian peasants of the Polish village of Werbow were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six to 15 years by the district court of Brzezany to-day for being members of an illegal "Nationalist Ukrainian organisation," and for manslaughter.

Respite was given to some of the convicted.

They were accused of killing a Polish peasant, who caused the arrest of some Ukrainians, but witnesses proved an alibi for the defendants.

The Polish authorities also prohibited the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Ukrainian cultural organisation "Proswita" which was scheduled for December 26 and 27. The organisation supports many libraries and reading rooms in Eastern Galicia.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Belgian Royalty's Vacation in France

Paris, Dec. 28.

King Leopold of the Belgians and the Queen Mother arrived this morning by express at Cote Dazur.

They will stay for a fortnight at Beaulieu-Sur-Mer.—*Trans-Ocean.*

C.C.C. OFFICIALS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.

Five officials of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester in Indiana, and its associated firms, have been convicted by a Federal jury of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Schemes organised by the defendants are alleged by the Government to have cost business houses and individuals in the Middle West £240,000.—*Reuter.*

France Sells Out Munitions Shares

Prague, Dec. 28.

As an indication of the changed situation in Central Europe, the French group closely connected with the Schneider-Creuzot Works, which held the majority of the Skoda Works shares, have sold their holdings to a Czecho-Slovak group representing the Czecho-Slovak Government.

The management of the Skoda Works had been formally in Czech hands, but until October the French had their representatives in the administration and the management. Director Rochette was recalled four weeks ago.

Close co-operation had existed between the Schneider-Creuzot and Skoda works with regard to commercial, as well as technical or-

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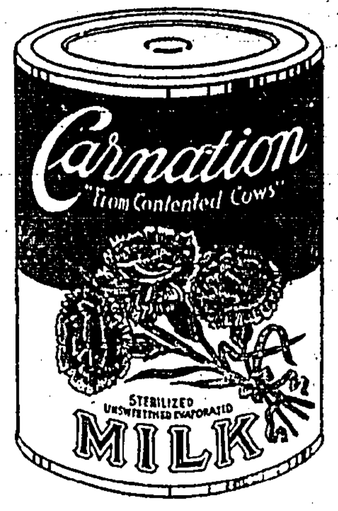

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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

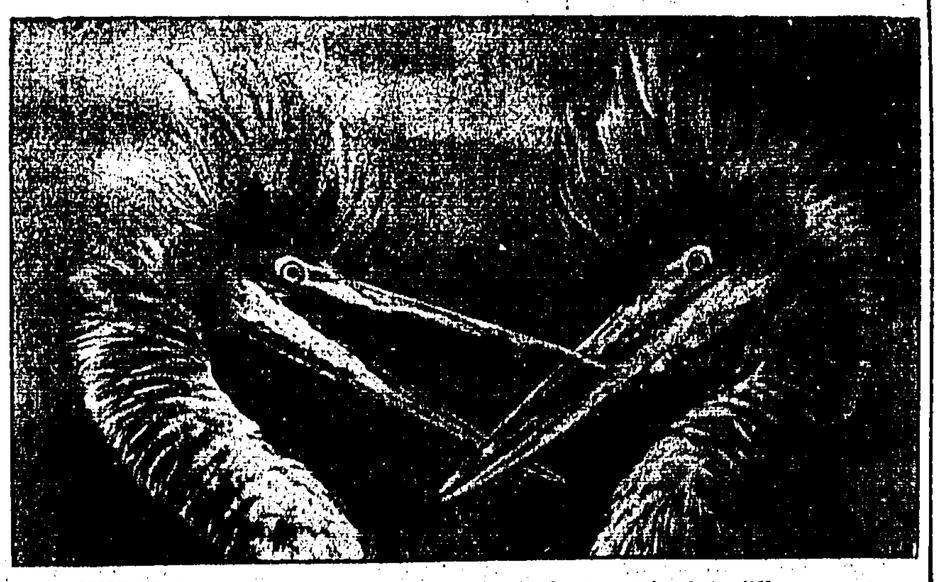
Too Many Babies At This Show

POLICE reinforcements were called to a baby show at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Upton Park, E., recently, to control the crowd of mothers who brought their children to be judged. Two or three hundred babies were expected. Actually about 1,500 were brought. Here is part of the crowd waiting outside the gates.

Directly connected with the first and last acts of the Great War, Mr. E. D. Thomas, of Brighton (right), a commissionaire of Brighton, and Mr. F. H. Pennington, of Hove, met for the first time when it was arranged that they should broadcast together. They had been living within a mile of each other for some time. Mr. Thomas fired the first shot at the beginning of the war, and Mr. Pennington dispatched the "Cease fire" telegram at the end.

Tribute to Fallen Comrades

Lifeguardsmen who formed a guard of honour at a wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, recently, afterwards went to the Field of Remembrance and planted crosses to the memory of fallen comrades.



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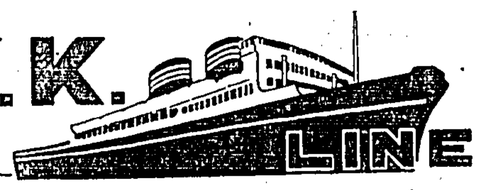

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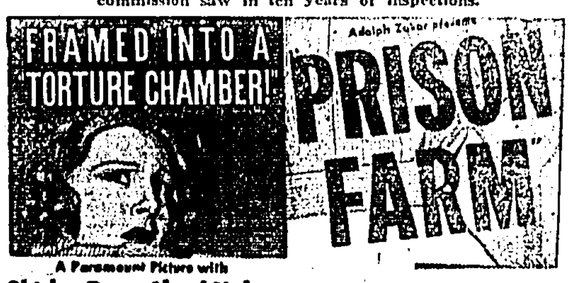

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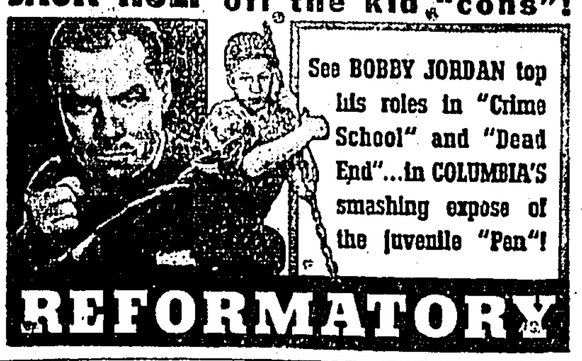

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Clark Gable May Marry Ex-Mrs. William Powell

CLARK GABLE

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28.

EX-MRS. WILLIAM POWELL is to become Mrs. Clark Gable No. 3 as soon as Clark Gable's divorce with Mrs. Gable No. 2 is finalised, according to Hollywood rumours.

Clark Gable and wife No. 2 have already separated. And one more "Hollywood divorce" is coming.

No sooner did reports of the estrangement reach New York than Dame Rumour got busy with rumours.

At first Elizabeth Allan, the twenty-five-year-old English actress who went to Hollywood nearly three years ago, was mentioned.

But the film Colony and Broadway have now decided that Gable is going to marry Carole Lombard as soon as his divorce from Rhea, his second wife, is finalised.

As so many other Hollywood couples have done at such times, Clark and Rhea both say, "We shall remain good friends."

Mrs. Gable says that Clark is "hard to live with."

Mrs. Gable No. 2 was on the stage before her marriage. Maiden name—Rhea Langham. Age—a few years older than Clark, who is thirty-five.

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Clarke and Carole admit they are "perfect friends", but refuse to disclose whether Hollywood rumour of an impending marriage is correct.

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Word has been received in Hongkong of a gratifying improvement in the health of Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood, who is travelling to England on the Canton.

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